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Senate poised to repeal derivative act today

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REPORTER

The Senate is poised to pass as early as today a new bill repealing a controversial law allowing NMI Retirement Fund beneficiaries to sue on behalf of the pension program if the board refuses to bring such legal action, senators said yesterday.

Ayuyu

Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), one of two senators who abstained from voting on Aug. 3 on a conference committee bill that later became law, said there is no reason why the derivative lawsuit law should remain when the Fund is already sueing Merrill Lynch.

"That's the whole intent of the derivative lawsuit bill in the beginning, for the Fund to sue Merrill Lynch. Now that the Fund has sued them, there's no need for that law," Ayuyu said in an interview.

Besides Ayuyu, Senate Vice President Jude Hoschneider (R-Tinian) also abstained from voting on the confer-

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FREE RENEWABLE ENERGY

H.P. Wang, right, of Taiwan-based Digimax Innovative products Ltd., installs a solar panel while Raymond Quitano, left, of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., looks on while the two are lifted by a CUC bucket truck to work on a windmill and solar panel pole at the parking lot of the Governor's Office on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon. Once fully operational, the windmill and solar panel will power an energy efficient lamp that will illuminate the area at night.

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Teen killed in Rota car crash

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A teenager who was due to fly to Texas for boot camp died when the pickup truck he was on slammed into a power pole in Sinapalo, Rota late Sunday afternoon.

Police officer Jason Tarkong confirmed yesterday that a male teenager died, but that they are still waiting for more information about the accident from the Rota Department of Public Safety. Tarkong said investigators are still looking into information whether speeding and alcohol were factors in the fatal crash.

In a separate email to *Saipan Tribune*, Police Commissioner Ramon Mafnas said the accident is still under investigation and that his office is awaiting the submission of a report from Rota DPS.

"I am in contact with Rota DPS resident director Manuel Atalig in which the director reported that four persons were involved in the vehicular accident with one fatality," Mafnas said.

Saipan Tribune learned from sources that the fatality—18-year-old Francisco Toves—was set to leave that night for Guam for military training in Texas. Sources said the accident happened at

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Another investor sniffs out San Roque property

» Multimillion resort-retirement homes on 1 million square meters of public, private land

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A Chinese conglomerate is now planning to lease approximately 1 million square meters of public and private land from north of the former The Palms Resort Saipan to north of Marianas Resort & Spa in the San Roque-Marpi area, barely a month after Island Ventures LLC

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Villegas says federal judge erred in her ruling

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The co-owner of a defunct remittance center who was indicted for alleged conspiracy to defraud a Philippine bank, has asked the federal court to reconsider its recent ruling that denied his motion to dismiss the case.

Haydn L. Villegas, through counsel G. Anthony Long, argued that the court erred in ruling that the indictment alleges a timely offense.

The federal court had ruled that the charges were timely filed against Villegas.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood determined that Villegas' last overt act occurred on Jan. 17, 2007, and that the grand jury returned the indictment on Dec. 16, 2010, which was within five years of the last overt act.

"Thus the charge of conspiracy is not barred by the statute of limitations," said Tydingco-Gatewood in her order that denied Villegas' motion to dismiss the case.

Tydingco-Gatewood said that Villegas and co-defendant Ana Villegas maintained the bankruptcy action to prevent PNB from taking legal action to collect on the fraudulently obtained funds.

As part of the conspiracy, the judge said, the Villegases ultimately wanted to discharge their "debt" to PNB.

"The possibility of discharge was not foreclosed until the case was dismissed on Jan. 17, 2007. Accordingly, the dismissal of the bankruptcy case on Jan. 17, 2007, was the last overt act," Tydingco-Gatewood said.

Long disagreed. In Villegas' motion for consideration filed yesterday, Long said this ruling is legally incorrect as an overt act must be in furtherance of the conspiracy in order to extend the statute of limitations.

"Dismissal of the bankruptcy cannot be deemed in furtherance of the conspiracy as the dismissal defeated or frustrated the alleged purpose of the bankruptcy petition," Long said.

Additionally, Long said, dismissal of the bankruptcy petition cannot be an "overt act" as an "overt act" is an act performed or done by a conspirator and not a third party.

Villegas was the co-owner of the defunct Philippine Express Remittance who allegedly defrauded the Philippine National Bank of about $109,855. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

Healthcare corp. board nominees may be confirmed without drug test results

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For the first time, the Senate will try to confirm today board nominees without first receiving the results of the required drug test results.

This is solely because of the critical need to have members of the new Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board of directors on board, which should have been done by Oct. 1.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said yesterday that the Senate will vote to confirm the nominees today but only if it gets assurance from the Fitial administration that the governor will immediately remove a confirmed board member if his or her drug test result tests positive.

Sen. Frank Cruz's (R-Tinian) Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations has recommended full Senate confirmation of the four nominees: Joaquin S. Torres and Roy T. Rios of Saipan, Anthony H. Aguon of Tinian, and Pedro Q. Dela Cruz of Rota.

One of the nominees, in an interview yesterday, said he does not have a problem with the Senate's conditional confirmation. He said the laboratory told him that the drug test results won't be received until after 10 to 15 days.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. should have been operating as a corporation with an advisory board since Oct. 1 but there was a delay in the governor's submission of nominees to the Senate.

Each of the nominees will face serious challenges that include maintaining a budget of at least $22 million for the next two years, upgrading hospital facilities and equipment, and creating a health insurance exchange under Obama's healthcare reform.

If confirmed, each of the nominees will serve a four-year term.

'Exchange students gained deeper appreciation of Japanese culture'

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CNMI students who participated in the recently concluded student cultural exchange program between the Saipan Mayor's Office and the International Youth Association of Japan KSKK now have a "deeper appreciation" of each other's culture.

"The students not only learned more about the Japanese people and their culture, but they all have a deeper appreciation of it and learned that there were some Japanese influence in some parts of our own culture and language," said executive secretary Vinycia Seman of the Saipan Mayor's Office.

Seman and James Villagomez, another Mayor's Office staffer, accompanied students Nicole Meyers, Emiri Angela Iwai, Rachel Borja, Tasi T. Long, Zachary Taitano, Jonah Villagomez, Phalai Frink, Zena Demapan, and Mariana Teregeyo during their trip from Oct. 6 to 12.

Upon their arrival, the group met with KSKK program coordinator Noriko Yamamura who briefed them about program rules and safety procedures as well as scheduled activities.

The group stayed at the National Olympics Memorial Youth Center throughout the duration of the trip, except for two days when they stayed with host families.

The group visited the Ueno Zoo, Tokyo Disneyland, and the Observatory at the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building during their trip.

The students also performed for their host families, who received certificates of appreciation from Seman as official representative of Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores.

According to Seman, the most touching part of the trip was the Sayonara Party. "Some cried, many smiled, and it was difficult to say goodbye. As I waited for the students to return from their home stay, all students came back with smiles on their faces eager to talk about their experience with their host families," she said.

The mayor, through Seman, thanked Yamamura and the group for continuing the exchange program which has been "very vital" in creating "stronger international ties" with Japan.

"This exchange program allows our youth to have this mutual understanding of both countries. Mutual understanding, respect for each other now will provide a better means of communications in the future. We all have our own unique culture, but it is opportunities like this that allow us to learn more about other cultures and people around the world," added Seman.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Students who participated in the exchange program between the Saipan Mayor's Office and the International Youth Association of Japan KSKK pose for a group photo in front of the Sensoji Temple.

A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

United Airlines and Continental Airlines Seminars

The Marianas Visitors Authority participated in two airline seminars in September 2011 in its primary visitor market of Japan

The United Airlines Fukuoka Seminar on Sep. 8, 2011, aimed to introduce tour products by the airline and R&C Tours Fukuoka to the Northern Marianas and other regional destinations. Thirty-five travel agents, mainly sales agents, participated. On Sept. 9, 2011, the MVA joined the Continental Airlines Sapporo Seminar and made presentations to 38 travel trade representatives.

At both seminars, the MVA delivered a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation on general tourism attractions in the Northern Marianas, as well as consumer campaigns such as Happy Children in Paradise, the Dive Photo Contest, and Active Senior. Local events such as the March 2012 Saipan Marathon and annual Saipan International Open Water Flipper Tournament were also promoted.

In Sapporo, the MVA also delivered an additional speech at the seminar reception, touting this beach resort destination. As of August 2011, the Northern Marianas has received 137,000 visitors from Japan this fiscal year.

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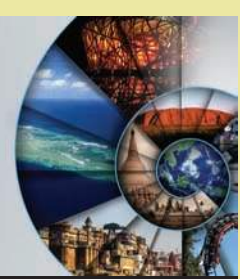

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FBI: Investigation in Luhk sisters' disappearance ongoing

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It's been more than four months now but the Federal Bureau of Investigation assures that its investigation into the mysterious disappearance of sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk remains ongoing, according to special agent Tom Simon yesterday.

"The FBI continues to encourage the public to come forward with information that may move us closer to a solution," Simon told *Saipan Tribune* in an email.

Simon did not provide details about the FBI's ongoing investigation.

In August, FBI special agents reportedly seized the car of a firefighter who had refused to undergo a lie detector test in connection with their investigation into the disappearance of the Luhk sisters on May 25.

Faloma

Maleina

At that time, Simon would not confirm or deny the seizure of the car, saying they can't comment on ongoing investigative steps unless or until charges are filed.

Sources said the former DPS firefighter sold his 2003 Toyota Camry before leaving Saipan on Aug. 6. Federal agents immediately confiscated the car from the new owner, sources disclosed. After the investigation, the agents subsequently returned the vehicle to the new owner.

Saipan Tribune has been asking the Department of Public Safety since last week for any updates on its investigation into the Luhk sisters' case but DPS has yet to respond.

DPS also has yet to respond to another request for any update on its investigation into the identity of human remains that were found in Kagman.

Ten-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina were reportedly last seen near a bus stop pavilion in As Teo on May 25.

On Aug. 14, a set of human bones was discovered after a dog looking for a bone to chew on dragged a leg bone to a house.

Investigators later determined that the bones belong to an old man. Family members strongly believe that the remains belong to 72-year-old Ricardo Muña Quitugua, who lived in a shack in the area and has since disappeared.

DPS then admitted that because of its lack of specialized services, investigators are finding it difficult to complete their investigation into the identity of the bones.

USCIS gets first CW petitions

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CNMI employers have started filing their Commonwealth-only worker petitions, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services regional media manager Marie Thérèse Sebrechts said during the weekend.

"USCIS received the first CW petitions at the California Service Center on the first day they could be submitted. Of course, we have no way to anticipate if or when there will be a surge," Sebrechts said.

The first day of filing CW petitions was Oct. 7.

In the few weeks after the release of the final worker rule on Sept. 7, employers have started posting job vacancy announcements for positions filled by foreign workers.

The job vacancy announcements are meant to encourage qualified and available U.S. workers to apply for these foreign worker-held positions.

Employers need proof, including job vacancy announcements, to attest that there were no qualified U.S. workers for the position so they are petitioning their foreign worker for a CW status.

Without CW petitions filed on behalf of them, nonresidents lose their status after Nov. 27 and could face deportation.

But many nonresidents are still hoping that the Nov. 27 deadline for them to find employment will be extended.

However, the two-year date from the start of the transition period is a matter of statute, found in the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 or Public Law 110-229 which placed CNMI immigration under federal control.

"There is no provision in the CNRA to move to a later date," said Sebrecths.

There is also currently nothing in the U.S. Congress being considered to extend the Nov. 27 deadline.

Interior assistant secretary for insular areas Tony Babauta also said there's currently no legislation that considers the U.S. Department of the Interior's April 2010 recommendation to grant long-term foreign workers in the CNMI an improved immigration status. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial also said nonresidents should stop hoping that they will be given improved status.

$745K financial award OK'd for 448 fall SHEFA scholars

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The board of directors of the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance approved yesterday the awarding of $745,500 financial assistance to 448 students.

The amount covers $87,800 for new on-island students, $229,400 for 148 ongoing on-island recipients, $68,000 for 50 new off-island students, and $360,300 for 149 ongoing off-island recipients.

Of the total amount to be awarded, $438,000 is for grant in aid scholars; $127,000 is for field of study scholars; and $180,500 is for incentive awards.

SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider said the 448 approved applications were as of yesterday and he expects the final number to go up as there are still 202 applications that are pending review. He estimates that 70 may be found eligible.

SHEFA received a total of 803 applications for the fall 2011 semester; 601 applications have been been reviewed so far. A total of 448 were found eligible while 153 were rejected, mainly due to noncompliance with requirements and standards.

Of the 153 applications that were denied, 152 were undergraduates and one is pursuing a master's degree, Hofschneider said.

The board earlier approved a disbursement ceiling of $1.5 million for every semester to make sure funding is equally allocated for two academic terms. Hofschneider said that whatever is left of the $1.5 million budgeted for the semester will be carried over to the next academic term. He emphasized that SHEFA's priority are undergraduates.

Hofschneider also disclosed that his office received four applications from students of the Northern Marianas Trade Institute, all of which are pending his review. "We cannot say for now if they will be eligible…because it's still up to the board," he added.

Hofschneider said that Trade Institute students fall under the program's last priority.

Based on SHEFA regulations, the top priority for financial assistance are undergraduates, master's students, and online applicants. NMTI students come fourth on the list.

As of yesterday, SHEFA is still awaiting the disbursement of 293 checks pending at the Department of Finance, totaling $560,300—261 checks for the first batch of scholars for fall 2011 amounting to $473,100 and 13 checks for spring 2011 semester amounting to $14,200.

Also, 18 checks for the fall 2010 semester remain pending, amounting $76,000. Hofschneider said the delayed disbursement is a result of declining government revenue.

This fiscal year, SHEFA is allocated $3 million for scholarship awards and $100,000 for operation.

Man'amko to start filming digital yearbook

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Congregates at the Aging Center will start filming this week the production of "*Man'amko*: Welcome to Our World," the 2011 Saipan Seniors Digital Yearbook that is expected to finish by the end of next month.

Aging Office program coordinator Walter Manglona said that council chair Teresita Sorroza came up with the title for the digital yearbook which is "an actual yearbook where, instead of leafing through the pages, you'll see digitally what they do at the Aging Center," including arts and crafts and sports such as softball.

Manglona said yesterday he will be directing the digital yearbook which will also have every senior citizen at the center playing a small part in the production.

"We already have *man'amko* volunteers to host the shows and the different segments that will focus on what they do here at the center, encourage them to eat right and be healthy, share the islands' history and their experiences, and showcase their talents through comedic skits to keep the show entertaining," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Manglona added, "It's a very big project and we want to make sure that everybody's involved. At the end of the day, it also has to be entertaining for anyone who wants to watch the show and not make it…boring. We want people to continue and enjoy watching it."

Manglona said the *Man'amko* Drama Club will serve as the working committee that will help out in the digital yearbook production planning and preparation.

The *Man'amko* Drama Club is composed of Alejandra Blas, Meryalen Conrad, Mila Garin, Manuel Mesa, Paula Mereb, Meli Molokai, Maria Salinas, and Teresita Sorroza.

Manglona said he wants to get the approval from the club for his ideas and then get more ideas from them for the digital yearbook project.

"The idea is to make sure that we incorporate everything in planning for this project which is going to be huge," he said. "What I need from them is ideas, what they would like to include in the project, and how they're going to do it."

Once the digital yearbook is done, Manglona disclosed that they plan to showcase it to the community and the council members want to make it a fundraising event.

The program coordinator said that they plan to present the digital yearbook at the American Memorial Park Visitor's Center, which has been very supportive of the *man'amko* on island.

"Hopefully it's going to be as successful as the last production we had, which was *The Enchantress*," he said.

Manglona said the digital yearbook will prove that "there's more to the *man'amko* than meets the eye."

"We want to send out a very strong message to everyone who'll watch it. Respect one another, their culture, beliefs, and never underestimate a person because of age," he added.

Manglona thanked Aging director Rose Mondala and Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao for giving their full support for the project.

Federal court frees woman in immigration document fraud

The federal court on Friday released on her personal recognizance a woman who was indicted for allegedly committing immigration document fraud.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David A. Wiseman allowed the temporary release of Rowena Agnes Urumelog considering that the prosecution and the defense counsel had no objections to the U.S. Probation's recommendation that the defendant be released on condition that she will appear at all proceedings.

Urumelog appeared at the hearing with court-appointed counsel, Mark Hanson.

She has pleaded not guilty to the indictment that charged her with one count of immigration document fraud. Trial will start on Dec. 5, 2011.

According to the indictment filed on Sept. 22, Urumelog filed before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services USCIS Form I-130 (petition for alien relative) during which she replied "no" when asked if she had ever petitioned for Abdullah Al Mamun or another alien. Mamun was applying for lawful permanent resident status.

Urumelog allegedly knew that the response was false in that on Jan. 22, 2003, she filed a Form I-130 (petition for alien relative) for then-husband Md. Jahangir Alam. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

RAFFLE PRIZES AMERICAN RED CROSS-NMI CHAPTER

American Red Cross-NMI Chapter staff JD Tenorio, second from left, John Hirsh, center, and Kennedy Benjamin, right, receive two round-trip tickets to the continental U.S. and four round-trip tickets to Japan from Delta Air Lines staff Chris Concepcion, left, and Ester Sound, second from right, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Wednesday, Oct. 12. The tickets will be used as prizes during one of ARC's major fundraising events, the Club 200.

INVESTOR

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scrapped its plan to build a new $60 million five-star hotel in San Roque.

Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta, in an interview yesterday, said the multi-million investment includes the construction of a new resort and retirement homes.

"This is a humungous investment in terms of land area, which is approximately 1 million square meters. The conglomerate is now talking to the Department of Public Lands and private property owners," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune*.

DPL expects to see the conceptual design in the near future. But Babauta requested that the identity of the Chinese conglomerate not be published at this time.

"This project is very ambitious and we look forward to the actual proposal," Babauta said.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, said he wouldn't be surprised if there are still investors that are interested in investing in the CNMI, especially as it relates to tourism.

"The area that you mentioned is a prime spot for hotels and the like. It would be huge," he added.

The area north of the former The Palms Resort and near the former la Fiesta Mall has been leased and later abandoned by at least three groups of investors in the last three years.

First there was Flame Sako, which had planned an $80-million hotel, but abandoned the project after groundbreaking with much fanfare and land clearing, among other things.

Unlike succeeding groups of investors, Flame Sako and DPL's lease agreement got the approval of the Legislature.

Leisure Planner followed, and had planned a $120-million hotel in the same 5.1-hectare of public land. But it scrapped the project even before an actual lease agreement was signed and approved by lawmakers.

Island Ventures LLC was the third group of investors to consider the area. It's a California-based company with financial investments in Hong Kong.

Babauta said the latest group of investors plans not only to lease the same property, but other private and public lands in the area as well.

The DPL chief said the department welcomes businesses that are interested in investing in the CNMI. He said the local economy needs infusion of fresh investments.

Another group of investors, Neo Gold Wings Paradise recently lost its chance to pursue a $1.6 billion to $3 billion "six-star" casino hotel and resort on Tinian when it was able pay only $5,000 of over $220,000 in land lease arrears with DPL. The department had given Neo Gold Wings more time to pay its arrears so that the two could negotiate a reinstatement of the terminated lease when the investor abandoned the property.

Babauta, a former House speaker, said yesterday that they will be pursuing legal action against Neo Gold Wings.

TEEN

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5pm in front of the house of a court staff. Several independent sources confirmed the fatality's identity.

Sources said that there were four occupants in the truck. Toves was in the truck's bed with another passenger, who reportedly sustained serious injuries. The driver and the passenger in the cabin only had minor injuries, the sources said.

Sources said the truck possibly slewed sideways when it hit the pole as the bed was broken in half.

There was no information whether Toves and the passenger next to him were thrown out of the truck's bed as a result of the impact.

Last Aug. 31, a 15-year-old boy fell from a traveling pickup truck after attending a family member's funeral at Tanapag Cemetery on Saipan. The boy died the following day from internal injuries sustained when he hit his head from the fall. The boy, along with two family members, was reportedly riding in the back of the pickup.

Early this month, the Office of the Attorney General filed nine charges, including homicide by vehicle, against the truck's driver.

SENATE

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ence committee bill, while Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan) voted "no" and Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Saipan) was absent. The five other senators voted "yes," including the author of the original bill, Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan).

Ayuyu and Hofschneider are co-authors of the repealer bill pre-filed yesterday, but a copy of the bill was not available as of press time.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Ayuyu said the bill will be taken up during today's session.

Ayuyu said he expects the repealer bill to have the votes to pass the Senate, while Manglona said the bill has merits but it will be up to the individual senators to vote "yes" or "no."

Ayuyu said that Fund board members and some retirees have been appealing to senators to repeal the one-month-old law that he blames for causing the Fund's money managers to pull out.

He also said that by entering into new contracts with money managers, it will be more costly to the Fund.

"Third, the Retirement Fund already filed a lawsuit against Merrill Lynch. We should not put more obstacles or put liability on the Fund," Ayuyu added.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), in a separate interview yesterday, said he's happy that the Senate "feels the same way I do that the derivative lawsuit law has to be repealed."

Camacho introduced a similar bill to repeal the derivative lawsuit law in September but the bill has yet to be reported out by the House Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

The House floor leader said if the Senate passes the Senate bill today, then the House may be able to act on it at its next session, tentatively set for Thursday.

The Fund's board of trustees approved last week the immediate liquidation of its assets, temporarily investing them in mutual funds, and eventually securing them in insured banks to protect them from market fluctuations because of the recent loss of the Fund's investment consultant, Wilshire Associates.

As of Oct. 11, the Fund's total portfolio had a market value of $264.29 million.

Pursuant to law, the Fund cannot invest its assets without the advice of an expert such as Wilshire Associates. An emergency request for proposal for Wilshire's replacement has since been ordered.

The Fund's money managers have been fleeing the Fund in droves since the passage of the Beneficiaries Derivative Act early last month.

Govt owes PSS over $3M from previous year's budget

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The central government owes the Public School System over $3 million, representing the unpaid personnel allotments for last fiscal year, according to PSS finance director Richard Waldo.

In his report to the Board of Education on Friday, Waldo said the "roll-over" funds will help PSS with its financial needs in fiscal year 2012.

Public schools were originally budgeted for $32 million in fiscal year 2011. This was reduced to about $28 million after an across-the-board budget cut in all government agencies and departments.

Of the $28 million, PSS received only about $25 million, Waldo said, leaving a balance of $3 million that PSS still stands to get from the central government.

That amount is on top of the $1.7 million still owed by the central government in fiscal year 2010 when it also failed to remit PSS allotments in full, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

In the absence of local monies, federal funds saved PSS from payless paydays last fiscal year and the year before, Waldo said.

To offset this debt, Waldo said the central government and PSS recently signed a memorandum of agreement, with the central government promising to shoulder $1.7 million of the public schools' utility payments this fiscal year.

"This means we will no longer worry about some portion of our utilities," he said.

Waldo said that PSS pays an average of $2.6 million annually to CUC. If the central government will shoulder $1.7 million of the amount, the system has to find another $900,000 to cover the remaining projected cost and he is counting on the "$3 million roll-over funds" from the government.

He admitted, though, that there is no definite word yet if the government will satisfy this outstanding obligation.

PSS expects to incur a significant shortfall in its operations this fiscal year due to its limited $30-million budget for 2012.

PSS financial consultant Ed Tenorio said that PSS had initially asked for $36 million this fiscal year, to no avail. The projected shortfall or "gap" in the budget can be remedied in part by the "roll over funds" from fiscal year 2011, Tenorio said.

The $30-million appropriation for PSS will be sourced from the general fund and a portion of the CW fees, he said.

Last Friday, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan reported that PSS currently employs 464 classroom teachers—a drop from the over 500 last school year.

Tenorio said the reduction in the teacher population this year and the increase in class sizes were the result of PSS' budget constraints, which boosted the teacher-to-students ratio to 1:28. This means that, on average, one teacher handles 28 students.

Tenorio said the transfer of employees from the defined benefit plan to the defined contribution plan will also bring substantial savings to the system.

"The switching would mitigate our shortfall because the employer share to the Fund is 30 percent under the DB plan whereas the DC plan is 4 percent," he said.

Tenorio said that PSS also expects to save nearly $300,000 in rental and utility payments this fiscal year after it moved its offices from the NMI Retirement Fund building on Capital Hill to the Marianas High School compound in Susupe.

BOE strikes pay rate for non-HQTs

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The CNMI State Board of Education approved Friday the elimination of the salary rate for non-highly qualified personnel from the compensation plan for classroom teachers.

Non-highly qualified personnel were eliminated from the payroll of the Public School System beginning July 31, pursuant to the mandates of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

The revision on the compensation policy, according to PSS finance director Richard Waldo, is to certify and formalize the non-availability of teaching positions for non-HQTs within the system.

A teacher is considered highly qualified if he or she has a degree, has passed both Praxis 1 and 2 exams, and has valid teaching certificates. HQTs have a starting salary of $30,000 per annum.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan disclosed Friday that there are currently about 464 classroom teachers—all highly qualified—in public schools. Student enrolment was at 11,011 as of Friday, ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Although PSS has let go of its non-highly qualified teachers, Waldo said the system employs about 19 substitute teachers this school year. These substitutes are hired on a per-need basis only.

He described them as "seasonal educators" who will work for short-term periods only, such as one week or more. "They are paid $100 per day if they have bachelor's degree and $60 per day for those with associate's degree," explained Waldo.

PSS officials said that student test scores on the SAT-10 have almost doubled since the adoption of highly-qualified mandate.

Want to quit smoking? Here's how

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Community Guidance Center under the Commonwealth Health Center launched yesterday the Tobacco Cessation Program to encourage tobacco users to give up their unhealthy habit.

The Tobacco Cessation Program, which runs for six weeks or until Nov. 21, is open to all tobacco users 18 years or older and features sessions every Monday from 5pm to 6:30pm to help those who want to quit tobacco use for free.

"Our goal is to have a tobacco-free CNMI," Velma Del Rosario, CGC tobacco quit line coach, told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview yesterday.

Del Rosario said that studies show that cigarette smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals, including 43 known carcinogenic or cancer-causing compounds such as nicotine, tar, and carbon monoxide. It also has other chemicals like formaldehyde, ammonia, arsenic, and hydrogen cyanide.

"It's really dangerous to the health," said Del Rosario, noting that cigarette smoke is not only harmful for the smoker but also to others who suffer second-hand and third-hand smoke. "Even as a non-smoker, you're not safe at all."

CONTACT INFO
Call 323-QUIT (7848)

Del Rosario noted that it's hard for smokers to give up their habit but many attempt to quit and join their program for two reasons: health and family.

She said the program also features different classes that will assist smokers give up tobacco use such as relapse prevention, stress management, and nutrition for fitness "and they are open to any adult who's planning to quit."

Del Rosario noted that the program also provides nicotine replacement therapy—nicotine patches, gum, and lozenges—which are costly but comes free for program participants.

There are also those who have already quit but relapse. According to Del Rosario, they try to talk to them and have one-on-one discussions on what made them go back to their old habit such as pressure from work and peers and address it by giving them tips, telling them success stories, getting help from support groups, and establishing practical goals like gradually cutting down the number of cigarettes they smoke until they reach zero.

When they are able to meet their self-made goals, Del Rosario said they encourage participants to "celebrate each success" with family members and those in the program.

"Within 20 minutes of quitting, your body begins to have series of changes in your system for the better," said Del Rosario. These changes include dropping one's blood pressure, pulse rate, and body temperature to normal.

Del Rosario disclosed that this is their fourth cessation program this year.

According to Del Rosario, they hold the program funded by a federal grant about thrice a year: from January to February, April to May, and October to November.

Del Rosario said they have a number of activities lined up for their efforts to have a smoke-free CNMI, including the Great Marianas Smokeout next month.

She encourages tobacco users to take advantage of the Tobacco Cessation Program. "Better quit now than when it's too late," said Del Rosario.

To join the program or for more information, call 323-QUIT (7848).

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Bert and Marites Mendoza
Wishing you both more happy years together. We miss you. From your family and friends from the U.S., Australia, Philippines, Canada and Hong Kong.

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a Regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

1) **Preliminary Matters**
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Adoption of Agenda
   4. Adoption of Minutes – August 18, 2011
2) **Public Comments**
   1. Globetrotter
3) **Committee Reports**
   1. **Finance**
      a. FY 2012 Expenditure Plan
   2. **Personnel**
4) **Old Business**
5) **New Business**
   1. MVA Korea contract change order
6) **Executive Session**
7) **Adjournment**

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,	) Civil Action) No. 10-0253-CV
Plaintiff,	)
vs.	)
JESUS S. CEPEDA and YUFENG J. CEPEDA,	) **NOTICE OF**) **AUCTION**) **and**) **JUDICIAL**
Defendants.	) **SALE**)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 8th day of March, 2011, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **28th day of October, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 1674 NEW-6-R1, (formerly part of Lot 1674 NEW-6, which was part of original Lot 1674, TD 351), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2043/91, the original of which was recorded on December 31, 1990, as Document No. 90-5133 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

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a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

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3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to MPLT.

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DATED this 19th day of September, 2011.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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Lot No. 011 G 1414, located in Kagman III, Saipan, containing an area of 752 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 25, the original of which was recorded on October 10, 1996, as Document No. 96-2568 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

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DATED this 19th day of September, 2011.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

DUE TO SHEFA'S DWINDLING BUDGET:

Field-of-study program to be narrowed down

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance maybe forced to narrow down the courses and degrees eligible for assistance under its field of study program due to the dwindling financial situation of the government.

"It's too broad and we need to narrow it, reduce it and then prioritize it," said SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider after yesterday's special board meeting at the Saipan Mayor's Office.

He said the board's committee on policy and procedures will be looking into this.

SHEFA offers three financial awards for eligible recipients: grant in aid, field of study, and incentive.

The field of study program gives financial support to students taking up specific courses: accounting; nursing; teaching (specialized special education, early childhood education, library science, counseling, and bilingual education); business management and administration; hospitality and information technology; anthropology/sociology for teaching; biology for teaching; criminal justice leading to forensic science; and laboratory technology.

Also included are psychology other than leading to counseling; human resources development/personnel management; social worker; mathematics for teaching; engineering/architect; medical and allied fields including psychiatry; environmental studies/conservation; and computer graphics, including technical or specialized trades such as journalism, management information, computer programming and other fields of study sanctioned by the board.

Hofschneider believes that the "broadness" of the program's scope has resulted in SHEFA providing additional assistance to existing beneficiaries. He explained that a student who meets all SHEFA requirements will first receive grant-in-aid assistance. If this student is taking a course or degree included in the field of study program, the scholar gets an additional grant. The same student may also receive the incentive award if he or she maintains the required grade point average.

Hofschneider said the new list of degrees under the field of study program may be cut to just five or less than 10 courses.

He said SHEFA will come up with the specific degrees and courses under the field of study award, based on the demand of the private sector. SHEFA will work with the Public School System, Workforce Investment Agency, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and the private sector on this.

As much as possible, SHEFA will change its focus from government positions to private sector posts, he added.

Beginning Spring 2011 semester, SHEFA has been cutting down on the amounts it awards its scholars due to the continuous decline in government revenue.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Ueda Nishi High School students wait to board on their tour buses after arrival at the Francisco C. Ada International Airport yesterday. Over 200 high school students, along with 19 teachers and four tour coordinators, are on island for a peace ceremony and cultural exchange.

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Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course; At least 3 years work related experience; Above-average writing skills and a competent grasp of grammar and syntax; With rigorous standards for accuracy and detail; Ability to work within deadlines and in a stressful environment; Knowledgeable in all types of writing, including news and features; With photography skills.

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Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

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College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management and newspaper circulation experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management and newspaper circulation activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage a work team and independent contractors. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

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Japanese students arrive for peace rites, cultural exchange

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Over 200 students from Ueda Nishi High School from Nagano Prefecture in Ueda City, Japan arrived yesterday afternoon to take part in a cultural exchange program and conduct a peace ceremony.

Tanaka Takayuki of R&C Tours, ground handler and coordinator for the visiting group, said the students will be accompanied by 19 teachers and four tour coordinators from Japan-based travel company, JTB Group.

JTB coordinator Akihiro Yokota, in an interview upon the group's arrival at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at past 3pm yesterday, said this is the second time that Ueda Nishi High School students held a student trip to Saipan. The first was three years ago.

Yokota said they will be staying at the Saipan World Resort and the Pacific Islands Club.

According to Yokota, the group will hold a peace ceremony today at Banzai Cliff for all Japanese soldiers and other military officers and civilians who perished during World War II.

The group is also expected to go sightseeing and enjoy Saipan's pristine beaches, and do some shopping for souvenirs and gifts to bring back to Japan.

Both Takayuki and Yokota said the Japanese students will meet with their counterparts at Marianas High School tomorrow and Thursday, Oct. 19 and 20, and join classes that will teach them more about the island culture.

The group will also make a courtesy visit at the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The group is expected to fly back to Japan Thursday afternoon.

Federal fishery managers set series of weeklong meetings

HONOLULU—The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and its Scientific and Statistical Committee began a weeklong series of meetings yesterday, Oct. 17, on the management of federally managed fisheries in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the remote US Pacific Island areas.

The committee will meet daily until Oct. 19 at the Council office, 1164 Bishop St. Suite 1400, Honolulu. The committee's recommendations and that of other Council advisory bodies will be reviewed by the Council's Standing Committees on Oct. 19 at the Council office. The full Council will take action on the recommendations the afternoon of Oct. 19 through the morning of Oct. 22.

Recommendations by the Council are transmitted the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for final approval.

Among the key issues to be considered are the following:

■ **Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)**

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Council is required to specify ACLs for virtually all federally managed fisheries in the U.S. Pacific islands. Among the few exceptions are highly migratory species managed by an international regional fishery management organization. The Council will be making decisions on ACLs for coral reef finfish, non-finfish (e.g., crustaceans, deepwater precious corals, etc.) and bottomfish species, including non-Deep7 main Hawaiian Islands bottomfish (such as uku or grey snapper, ulua or trevally, etc.) based on the acceptable biological catch determined by the SSC.

■ **Non-Commercial Data Collection Options**

The Council, at its June 2011 meeting, recommended developing alternatives to require federal permitting and reporting for all fisheries in Hawaii that currently do not have federal permits or reporting requirements. These regulations would affect recreational and other non-commercial fisheries targeting pelagic species and currently harvested coral reef fishery species. The Council will consider the following alternatives: 1) no action; 2) require federal permits and monthly logbooks for non-commercial coral reef fish and pelagic fish in the US exclusive economic zone waters around Hawaii; 3) require a single non-commercial federal permit and monthly logbooks for all non-commercial fisheries in the US EEZ around Hawaii; and 4) require a single federal permit for owners of vessels that conduct non-commercial fishing in the US EEZ around Hawaii and require catch reports on a per-trip basis.

■ **Hawaii Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC)**

The Council will consider revising the Hawaii bottomfish and seamount groundfish EFH and HAPC designations based on new scientific information, the findings of the Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR) and other reviewer recommendations. WPSAR scientists indicate that recommended HAPCs based largely on the State of Hawaii's bottomfish restricted fishing areas (BRFAs) can be significantly reduced in number and size and still protect spawning and juvenile recruitment.

■ **Striped Marlin Catch Limits**

The management measure for striped marlin adopted by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) required that total catches of North Pacific striped marlin in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) undergo a phased reduction (10 percent, 5 percent, and 5 percent) from 2011 to 2013 such that by Jan. 1, 2013, the catch is 80 percent of the levels caught in 2000 to 2003. The Council may make management recommendations for the U.S. striped marlin fishery.

■ **Community Development Program Proposal**

The Council will consider an exemption requested under the CDP, as authorized by the Magnuson-Sevens Act, for an indigenous community to undertake traditional flag-line fishing using traditional longline basket gear for the purpose of training youth within the longline closed area around Hawaii.

■ **American Samoa Swordfish Fishery**

In 2008, the Council took action to reduce the interactions between sea turtles and the American Samoa longline fishery targeting tuna by requiring longline hooks to be at least 100 m deep. This amendment, implemented in September 2011, effectively prohibits any shallow-set longline fishing for swordfish. The Council will consider establishing measures that would allow for an American Samoa shallow-set longline fishery and mitigate the potential for interactions with sea turtles and seabirds.

As part of the Council meeting, a free Fishers Forum will be open to fishermen and the general public on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 6pm to 9pm, at the Waikiki Aquarium. Informational booths, family activities and a public discussion will focus on a code of conduct for Hawaii ocean users. Fishermen, ocean users and other members of the public are invited to come share their thoughts and learn what others are doing to bring pono conduct back among Hawaii's ocean users.

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council was established by Congress to manage fisheries in offshore waters around Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the US Pacific remote island areas. For more information or the agendas, visit www.wpcouncil.org or email info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov; phone (808) 522-8220, or fax (808) 522-8226. ***(WESPAC)***

ROSARY CRUSADE CLARISSA V. DAVID

Frances M. Sablan guides parishioners with the right response during the 2011 Public Square Rosary Crusade held at the Mount Carmel Cathedral grounds last Saturday. The event is part of the efforts of America Needs Fatima, a campaign of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property, which aims to win the heart and soul of America for Mary by spreading Our Lady of Fatima's message and promoting devotion to Her Immaculate Heart.

DUI checkpoint this Thursday

The Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol Unit and Traffic Investigations Unit will be conducting sobriety checkpoints on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011.

The first setup will be on Beach Road Garapan across Bank Pacific on the southbound lane from 8pm to 9:15pm.

The second setup will be on Beach Road Chalan Kanoa in front of Super Fresh Market on the northbound lane from 11pm to 12:15am.

Each checkpoint conducted will last at least 75 minutes at each location.

This activity is part of the department's effort to deter, detect, and apprehend impaired drivers and ensure that all vehicle occupants are protected.

In addition, officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturations patrols, aggressive driver interdictions, and speed enforcement. ***(DPS)***

Bank of Guam's photo contest underway

»High school students throughout region eligible for cash prizes

The Bank of Guam's photography contest is now underway.

The contest is open to all registered high school students in Guam, the CNMI, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Marshall Islands. Photo must be taken taken throughout Guam, the CNMI, Palau, the FSM, or Marshall Islands and certified by the student(s).

Deadline for submission of entries is Friday, Oct. 28, 2011.

The contest's theme is "Our Island, Our Home."

Photos should be a minimum 4X6 print in color or black and white. For digital photos, copy to a CD and include a printed copy of the photo.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 12 photo selections ($175 each). Each student is limited to two photos each. Entry forms are available at all high schools, Bank of Guam branches and its website www.bankofguam.com.

The Bank of Guam will feature the winning photos on its website: www.bankofguam.com and they may also be used in future advertising material.

For more information, contact Maria Cooper-Nurse at (671) 472-5231, email at maria.cooper-nurse@bankofguam.com or fax at (671) 477-6796. ***(PR)***

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

United States Air Force

The U.S. Air Force will host open house public scoping meetings on the islands of Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to discuss the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is being prepared for improving an existing airfield on U.S. territory in proximity of the Philippine Sea. The proposed airfield improvements would be designed to provide the additional divert capability when necessary for sustained military aircraft operations, including joint training exercises, humanitarian assistance activities, and disaster relief operations for northeast Asia. The U.S. Air Force proposes to develop and construct facilities and infrastructure to support up to one aircraft squadron and its approximately 500 support personnel for periodic exercises, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. The U.S. Air Force intends to meet its mission needs through improvement of an existing airfield in the Mariana Islands region.

The public is encouraged to attend the open house EIS scoping meetings, which will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

1. Thursday, October 13, 2011 - Barrigada Mayor's Office, Barrigada, Guam, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
2. Friday, October 14, 2011 - Dededo Mayor's Office/Senior Center, Dededo, Guam, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
3. Monday, October 17, 2011 - Saipan Multi-Purpose Center, Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
4. Tuesday, October 18, 2011 - Tinian Elementary School, San Jose Village, Tinian, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
5. Thursday, October 20, 2011 - Sinapalo Elementary School Rota, Sinapalo Village, Rota, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Federal agencies, government of Guam agencies, government of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) agencies, the public, and other interested parties are encouraged to provide verbal and/or written comments to the U.S. Air Force to identify specific issues or topics for consideration in the EIS. Verbal and/or written comments may be submitted at the public meetings. Interested agencies, individuals, and groups unable to attend the public meetings are encouraged to provide written comments postmarked no later than November 10, 2011.

Mail comments to:

Capt Kimberly Bender, PACAF/PA
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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96853
ATTN: PACAF Divert Marianas EIS

In addition, scoping comments will be accepted via telephone voice recording system by dialing 1-855-200-6734, and via the project website at:

www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Teams sought for One-Pitch Softball Tournament

Team Aschoscho is hosting a One-Pitch Softball Tournament on Oct. 21-23, 2011, at the Capital Hill Softball Field. Entrance fee is $100, co-ed format, and maximum of 20 teams. Interested teams must attend the meeting this Wednesday, Oc. 19, 2011, 6pm at the Capital Hill Softball Field. For more information, contact one of the Team Aschoscho Officers or Jerome Delos Santos at 989-7456 or Jun Saralu at 285-9002. ***(PR)***

Dog tag registration

The DCP-Dog Tag Registration is ongoing in Tanapag at the Tanapag Social Hall and Mayor of Saipan office from 9am to 4pm (open during lunch). ***(PR)***

KagES PTSA meeting set

Kagman Elementary School will have its second PTSA meeting this school year on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 6:30pm, in the school cafeteria. If you have any question, call 664-3911/12. ***(PR)***

Parole in place workshop set

The Marianas Office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. is hosting the last of its parole in place workshops on Sunday, Oct. 23, at American Memorial Park. The workshop will begin at 1pm. It is for parole in place for ONLY 1) those foreign nationals who hold a CNMI permanent residency status or 2) those who were born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974, and Jan. 9, 1978.

Although MLSC will conduct the workshop to help people understand the process and put together their applications, no individual legal advice will be given. MLSC will not be accepting cases or filing on behalf of those who attend the workshops. The purpose of the session is simply to help get information out.

The workshop will be conducted in English. Do NOT bring children to the workshop. Children may not be left unattended in the Park's museum or gift shop. For more information, contact the Marianas Office at 234-6243. ***(MLSC)***

CHAMORRO CLUB CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the new Chamorro Culture Club of Kagman High School have their picture taken after the election of officers. These students are the pioneers of the first Chamorro Culture Club at KHS. The group's adviser is Kagman High's 2011 Teacher of the Year Josie Kaipat.

TRASH WARRIORS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the Refaluwasch Culture Club of Kagman High School have their picture taken after last week's cleanup. The group has designated every Wednesday at lunch as 'RCC Trash For Fun Day." Other Kagman High School students have become motivated by the activity of the group. When they see the RCC coming, they help pick up trash. The group's adviser is Kagman High's 2011 Teacher of the Year Josie Kaipat.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 18, 2000

Education tax credit gets boost from private schools

A proposed legislation seeking to grant tuition tax credit to elementary and secondary schools in the Commonwealth has drawn support from private schools, citing its advantages to both educational institutions and parents in the Northern Marianas. Authored by Rep. William S. Torres, the Education Tuition Tax Credit proposal was envisioned to provide "qualified" schools incentives for their contributions to uplift the quality of education in the Commonwealth. During a public hearing held at the House chamber yesterday, private school officials recognized the proposed legislation's merits, noting that it would enable CNMI parents to place their children on a school they think would best provide the students' educational needs.

House bill junked due to objection

Due to strong objection by the judicial branch, the House of Representatives has scrapped legislation that would have stepped up monitoring of all taxable transfers of real estate in the CNMI. The bill had proposed to make the Commonwealth Recorders Office as a tax enforcement agency of the Division of Taxation and Revenue, a move opposed by Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan. "This additional assignment of duties is contrary to the Commonwealth Recorder's Act," according to the report from the House Ways and Means Committee which recommended its scrapping.

Oct. 18, 2001

Verizon urged to confer with telecom panel

Despite reports that Verizon Pacifica will soon be pulling up stakes from the CNMI, Senate President Paul A. Manglona still insists that the telecommunications giant should still sit down with the Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission to iron out any perceived kinks in Public Law 12-39. "We're saying that they [Verizon] should sit down with Commission. They should work with Commission in going over Public Law 12-39-provision by provision, section by section-because we're not going to repeal this thing," said Manglona. The Senate President promised that the Senate will support whatever Verizon and the Commission agree on.

Fitial hosts NMI students at UOG

House Speaker and Covenant Party gubernatorial candidate Benigno R. Fitial last week hosted a luncheon on Guam in honor of CNMI students who are studying at the University of Guam. The luncheon, which was held at the Ladera Towers near the UOG campus, was attended by some 35 students who participated in a candid discussion of Commonwealth issues with the Speaker. The students were impressed with Fitial's knowledge of the pressing issues and his plans for the youth of the NMI. The UOG group took an active part in the question and answer session wherein they raised questions and concerns about education, scholarships and the future of the Commonwealth.

Oct. 18, 2003

Summit highlights 'diabetic's diet'

Discipline in all areas, including diet, must be embraced if one wants to effectively prevent, manage, or treat diabetes. As such, organizers of today's Diabetes Summit will give a major emphasis on proper nutrition among diabetes patients-beginning with the day's fish and vegetable breakfast and lunch menu for conference participants. Conference organizers reportedly decided to stick to fish, vegetables, and a cup of rice in the meals that will be served in today's summit. Jill Vanderkin, the Department of Public Health 's newly hired nutritionist, will discuss with the participants the important role of nutrition.

DPS gears up for 3D Prevention Month

The Department of Public Safety disclosed yesterday that programs for the 2003 Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month are now being mapped out to ensure that the campaign against drunk driving will reach the community in time for the holiday rush. DPS spokesperson Capt. Pete Muna said the department successfully implemented the 3D program in 2002, helping prevent the rise of car mishaps during the Christmas and New Year celebrations. Muna said the DPS did not record any deaths or injuries as a result of drunk and drugged driving during last year's campaign. He credited the community for this success, particularly the help of volunteer-drivers who helped ferry home customers from various establishments in the CNMI.

Island Snapshots

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday to Greg Cadag! We wish you all the best and may you fulfill your dreams! God bless! Greetings come from your Joeten Ace Hardware family!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Belated happy birthday to Therese Ann Aldan Polig! How do you expect me to remember your birthday, when you never look any older? Wishing you all the great things in life, hope this day will bring you an extra share of all that makes you happiest. We love you! Greetings come from your SV family.

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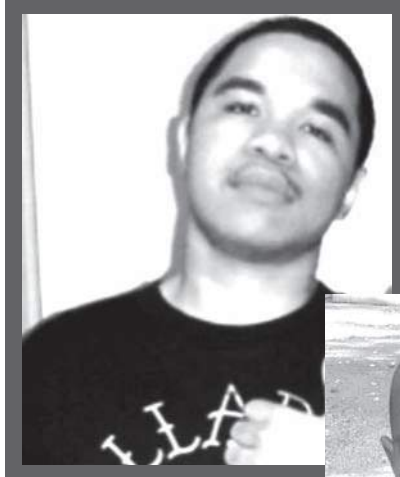

Happy 21st birthday shoutout goes out to Tyron "Ty" Ermang! Enjoy your day and cheers to you because you are finally legal! Greetings coming out from all your friends and family.

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Happy 2nd birthday greetings go out to Elijah - Jayvon Nepaial Adelbai! Wishing you all the best on your special day and many more birthdays to come. We love you. Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, Koby, and your CK family!

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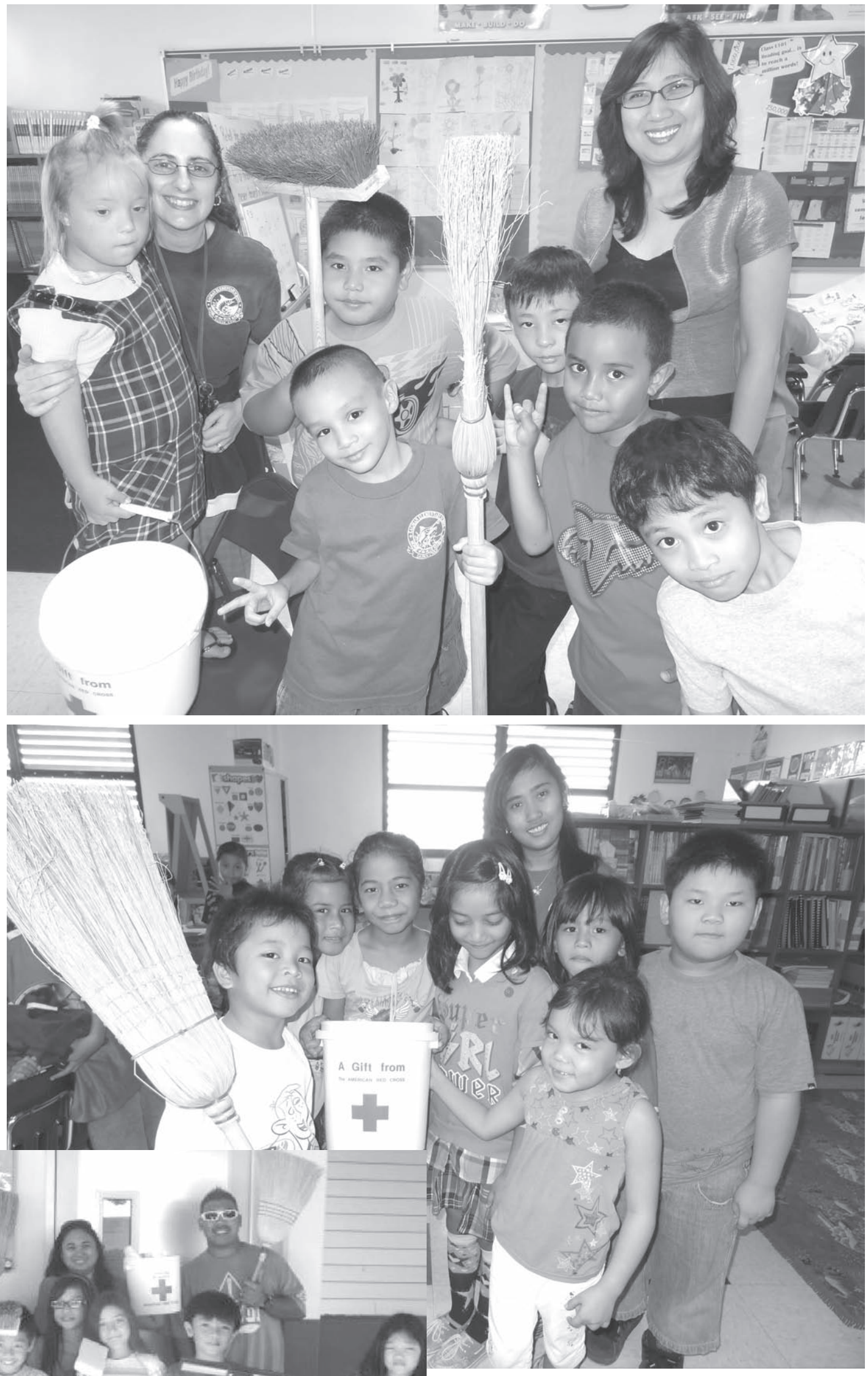

RED CROSS DONATION

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Thank you American Red Cross for providing tools to help us clean our learning environment. It made us happy students and teachers at the home of the Blue Marlins, Kagman Elementary School. You care and we love you for this!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Garapan Elementary School sends a big Mallard appreciation to the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross for their donation of a variety of cleaning supplies and materials. The cleaning supplies have been a great help to all the classrooms and school campus. It assists the school's efforts in maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment in and out of the classrooms and offices for all students, teachers, staff, parents, and visitors.

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Occupy Wall Street finally provides an accurate diagnosis of country's problems

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The Occupy Wall Street movement is the laughing stock of the right, mostly because it doesn't have a cohesive structure or list of demands—and because it seems to have attracted a disproportionate number of people with dreadlocks. But really, the general goals are clear as day: The occupiers want to reverse the trends, political and otherwise, that have moved wealth and opportunity from the middle class to the wealthiest Americans for nearly 40 years, and particularly over the past decade.

That's as clear as the tea party agenda—less government and lower taxes—was at its birth. As to whether Occupy can mature into a serious political force, as the tea party has—well, that's too early to call.

The protesters don't have a list of policy prescriptions, although they are beginning to crowd-source a solid one on their website, occupywallst.org. They are doing something important, however: accurately portraying the root of our problems. It's about time.

President Barack Obama and the Democrats have dithered as the tea party hijacked the political conversation. They acquiesced to a misdiagnosis of our core problem (too much government) and the prescription to cure it (austerity).

The real problem is that lawmakers of both parties have for decades been helping the rich get richer, primarily through low tax rates and deregulation, while income has stagnated for the rest of us—the 99 percent, as the protesters say. As the wealthy increase their share of economic pie, they gain ever more political clout to advance their interests.

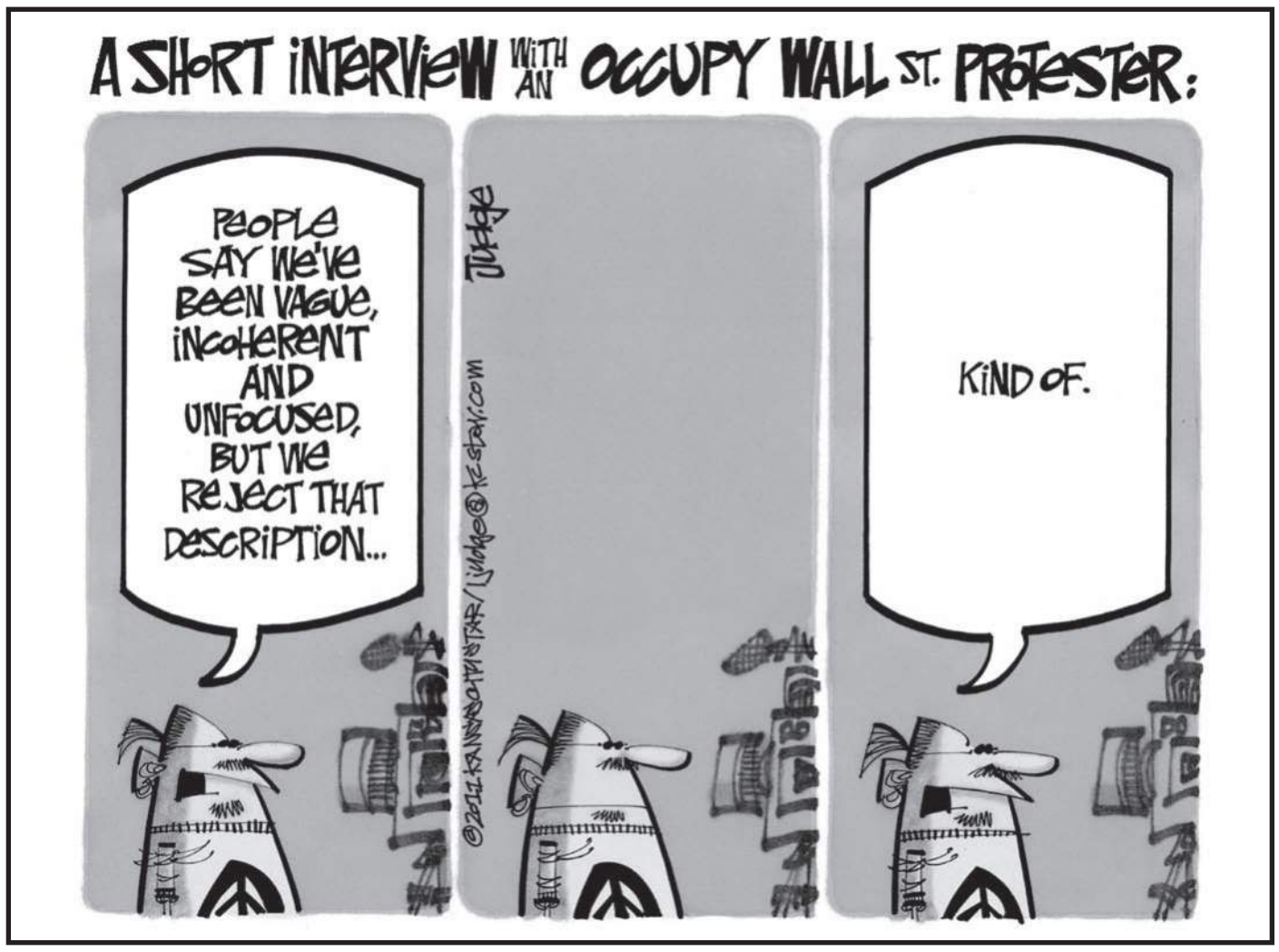
Wall Street has been biggest beneficiary of this. As the New York Times reported Wednesday, the average salary in New York's securities industry in 2010 was $361,330, five times the average private-sector salary in the city. Yet the financial industry still whines about even tepid attempts to reform practices that nearly brought down the world economy and did bring down the American housing industry.

Meanwhile, unemployment is more than 9 percent, 50 million people lack health insurance and millions more are drowning in mortgage, student loan and medical debt. The American dream is increasingly out of reach.

If all Occupy Wall Street does is spotlight that problem, it will be a welcome addition to the political conversation. It's fascinating to watch the spread of protests, including a robust presence in Bay Area cities. Dreadlocks aside, different ages, races and even income levels seem to be represented.

To gain political clout, however, the movement will need some institutional backing. But that can be perilous. The more the country has learned about financial backers of the tea party, including energy barons David and Charles Koch, with their wide array of very right-wing institutions, the further its popularity has sunk.

Occupy Wall Street has captured imaginations in part because it seems spontaneous and has no spokesman or talking points. At some point it will either build a structure or fade away. For now, it's a welcome addition to the public marketplace of ideas.


A SHORT INTERVIEW WITH AN OCCUPY WALL ST. PROTESTER:
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The real mischief at the polls

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That there is a nationwide effort under way to move the goalposts for the 2012 presidential election is undeniable. The various initiatives have one thing in common: Each would hinder President Obama's re-election. Coincidence? I think not.

Pursuant to new rules, several states will now require photo IDs or proof of citizenship from voters (and in some cases, from those registering to vote). Some are making it more difficult to carry out voter-registration drives. Others will reduce popular early or absentee voting opportunities.

In Pennsylvania, pending legislation would convert the presidential election process from a winner-take-all approach to a proportional one. If the proposed system had been in place in 2008, Obama would have had a net gain of just one electoral vote, as opposed to the 21 he did earn.

I recently interviewed the president and asked him about the contemplated change here and the other efforts across the country.

"With respect to Pennsylvania, the people of Pennsylvania will ultimately decide how they want to allocate their electoral votes, and I'll leave that to them," he said.

"I will say that my big priority is making sure that as many people are participating in our democracy as possible. Some of these moves in some of the other states that we've seen—trying to make it tougher to vote, restricting ballot access, making it hard on seniors, making it hard on young people—I think that's a big mistake."

The nonpartisan Brennan Center for Justice at New York University's School of Law has calculated how big that mistake could be. In a report issued last month, the center found that in states that have chosen to require IDs or proof of citizenship, restricted voter-registration efforts and reduced early voting will account for 171 electoral votes—63 percent of the total 270 needed to win the White House.

Taken together, the center has estimated that more than 5 million voters could be affected. How significant is that? In 2000, the popular-vote margin between George W. Bush and Al Gore was 543,895, while Bush won over John Kerry by 3,012,166 votes four years later.

These moves are largely unprecedented, according to Michael Waldman, the Brennan Center's executive director. "At the very least, they mark the most significant step backward on voting in several decades," he said. "Throughout the past century, we have steadily increased access to the ballot. This is the first time I'm aware of during that time that states have moved decisively to make it harder for many people to vote."

Who stands to suffer most? According to the report, young people, minorities, and low-income voters—essentially the constituencies most responsible for the president's election—will be most affected.

Consider the impact on minority voters in just one swing state, Florida, where the report notes that African Americans and Hispanics "are more than twice as likely to register to vote through community-based voter registration drives as white voters." A quarter of the Sunshine State's African-American voters, meanwhile, don't have a valid photo ID that they would need to cast a ballot.

The report continued: "New restrictions on early voting will also have their biggest impact on people of color. Florida ended early voting on the last Sunday before Election Day. In the 2008 general election in Florida, 33.2 percent of those who voted early on the last Sunday before Election Day were African-American and 23.6 percent were Hispanic, whereas African-Americans constituted just 13.4 percent of all early voters for all early voting days, and Hispanics just 11.6 percent."

Some will argue that shenanigans on Election Day do indeed take place and warrant rule changes. "Vote early and vote often" is more than a joking refrain in certain neighborhoods. Still, the question is whether these changes are truly contemplated to rein in misbehavior, or to bank on a few, sporadic reports of misconduct to mask an effort to suppress the president's vote.

I can't help but think of the now-infamous Election Day 2008 incident outside the old Richard Allen Homes in Philadelphia.

Recall that two members of the New Black Panther Party stationed themselves in front of the polling place there, which is in the fourth voting division of the 14th Ward. That they were up to no good I have no doubt. But was it their intention to suppress the votes of those who would support John McCain? I seriously doubt it. This seemed more like a stunt to get a reality-TV show. Consider that these two men selected a voting division in which 84 of the 1,535 voters registered were Republicans.

Not exactly a locale where an African-American running for president would seem to need their help.

I think the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department should have reviewed and prosecuted that case. But these sorts of one-offs are hardly worth the conspiracy theories that have relentlessly bounded across the Internet since November 2008.

Nor are they grounds for the scope of electoral changes being implemented across the country.

"It all comes at a time when there should be consensus, common-sense steps to make it easier for people to vote and have their ballots accurately counted," Brennan noted.

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Obama once more

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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In old Manchukuo where Korean Peninsula tension intrudes from the west, and China's *Halal* conscious populace from Xinjiang through *Nei Menggu* (Inner Mongolia) to the northern recesses of *Dong Bei* (Northeast China) asserts itself, U.S. domestic politics would be of least consequence, let alone significance among street vendors.

Obama is an exception.

It is generally true that the racial discrimination against those of darker skin extends to *Zhongguo* (China) in mainland Far East Asia. The northern Han looks down on their southern cousins, mostly due to skin shade before it is a critique on manners and good conduct. Northerners tend to see themselves as urban as opposed to the country bumpkins *(nong cun)* in the south! However, with the increasing presence of West Africans trading in China and many students from Ghana, Nigeria, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka in the academic halls of Shenyang Aerospace University, there is an ongoing humanization of racial skin coloration. Interracial dating is even taking place. Any Obama detractors do not do so on skin tones!

The "ugly American" is a well-used phrase first depicted in Graham Greene's *The Quiet American* that presaged the seemingly well-intended but disastrous excursion into Vietnam, heralded in another roman a'clef 1958 narrative, the Eugene Burdick and William Lederer *The Ugly American.* The phrase has come to mean an American who is "loud and ostentatious," or plain "obnoxious," as well as "naive though well-meaning" to "plain folk unafraid to get hands dirty to get something done."

In our Oral English class, we printed the Lincoln *Gettysburg Address,* the JFK *Ask Not What Your Country Can Do for You* inaugural speech, and the MLK Jr. *I Have a Dream* oration, along with Hillary Clinton's talk to the UN Women's Conference in Beijing, and Obama's acceptance speech at Grant Park in Chicago on the eve following his election to the U.S. Presidency. I indicated in the printouts the manner of the author's dying, three assassinated. One of the students asked if I thought Obama would survive his first term before getting the bullet!

Obama is highly regarded by many in China, and a few consider Obama's demise in the hands of a violent assassin a foregone conclusion; considering the venom he has received by even members of Congress, we can see from this far-flung vantage point why and what the ugly Americans could and would do to one of their own.

English teachers often ask students to get an English name to ease roll call, reversing the sequence of first and last names. Last term, when the media referred to the French Open Women's Tennis winner as Na Li rather than her Chinese name Li Na, I vowed to remember my students' names in Chinese in lieu of their makeshift English names. This semester, I asked students to write in their profiles their Chinese names first and their English names, second, and only *if they had one.* Well, one has "Obama" and he has had it since 2008! Being one of the smart students in class, I even call him by it once in a while to hold him accountable to the implication of his chosen name.

An Egyptian pilot, who flew a Mirage 2000 v. Israel's F-series in 1973 *Yom Kippur* war and recently joined our circle of acquaintance here in China, explained that in North Africa, Obama may not be one of the "brothers" but with a name like "Barack Hussein," one can count on deeper sympathies. A practicing Muslim, he regards Obama highly, in spite of the President's policy track record on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

I have no qualms identifying myself as an American, ugly or otherwise, and in one of our shopping forays in search of cheap notebooks for our students, I wore one of our Saipan campaign t-shirt, when one of the wholesalers started yelling, "Obama, Obama" and pointing at me. I was an "ugly" one, sporting a long-haired Mozart cum wiry Einstein wild mane with a five o'clock shadow long past sundown that Gaddafi himself would not mind claiming, so when I tried to protest the mistaken identification, the saleslady pointed at Angelo Villagomez's photo, our wannabe Saipan mayor, on my shirt. (I smiled and being a fellow red, white, and blue Democrat, I did not think Angelo minded!)

Fear remains a global malaise and an active ingredient in American politics. With Obama having positioned himself well into the wedge-blade between "what is no longer" (closing out "war" as a management instrument) and "what is not yet" (green is in!), we see America on the throes of crisis, both on the tine of despair and possibility. Obama rides the prong of hope and fear!

Ugly Americans often have hearts of gold gilding treasure-laden mines of enlightened minds. We are betting on the side of hope.

Steve Jobs was Jordan-esque

By GREGORY CLAY
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

This one is easy.

You don't have to be a computer freak or super gadget-lover to admire the late Steve Jobs.

He was one-quarter Isaac Newton (brilliantly innovative), one-quarter Walt Disney (visually intuitive) and one-half Michael Jordan (keenly competitive). Like Jordan, Jobs was a walking commercial; they both knew how to sell their products.

With Jordan, it was parlaying his incredible basketball skills into a marketing bonanza that transcended sports. With Jobs, it was producing high-tech instruments that made our lives easier and made the world smaller.

After Jobs died on Oct. 5 of pancreatic cancer, impromptu shrines of flowers, photos and thoughtful R.I.P. notes dedicated to him sprang up at Apple stores all over the word. And, in the aftermath, CNN, with its unmatched global coverage of this event, asked children in China, Japan and Hong Kong: "What do you like most about America?" They said the iPhone. The iPhone is Steve Jobs, co-founder of the Apple technology company.

While kids in Southeast Asia knew the score, someone should clue in Michael Oher, an offensive lineman for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens and the inspirational subject behind the Academy Award-winning movie "The Blind Side." He Tweeted, "Can somebody help me out? Who was Steve Jobs!" And yes, if you figured he Tweets from an iPhone, you would be right.

When Jordan was on the 1992 U.S. Olympic basketball squad (also known as the "Dream Team"), opposing players from other nations often would seek his autograph—sometimes DURING the doggone game. Jordan was the one individual most responsible for making basketball a global sport.

Similar to Jobs, with Jordan, you don't have to be an ardent basketball fan to fully understand his significance. Jordan defied gravity with his high-flying dunks, he won multiple championships, he wore designer suits, he sold Nike sneakers, Gatorade and Hanes underwear through countless television commercials, he spoke like a corporate CEO and ultimately became a ubiquitous marketing magnet for the NBA.

And, for style, he made being bald cool for the in-crowd.

Jobs made the letter "i" the hippest one in the alphabet during his stage presentations—you know, iPad, iTunes, iPhone, iPod, iMac . . . iThis, iThat. As today's young people would say, "He knew how to represent."

Just ask the 18-to-34-year-old U.S. demographic; they represent the public clamor in some corners for an international memorial service in Jobs' honor.

After being ousted as Apple managing director during a 1985 power struggle, Jobs returned to the company in 1996. Apple was near bankruptcy at that time; now, it's a $400 billion techno-giant.

When Jordan retired the first time from the NBA in 1993, his Chicago Bulls had just won the league championship for a third consecutive season. While he was off playing minor-league baseball during his "second career/retirement," the Bulls didn't sniff the NBA Finals. When Jordan returned to the NBA in 1995, the Bulls eventually won three more consecutive NBA championships with him.

You can see the parallels. Like Jobs, Jordan was imperious to the nth degree. In other words, he was demanding (read pushy toward the art of perfection.)

John Sculley, former CEO of Apple, once said of Jobs: "In his level of perfection, everything had to be beautifully designed even if it wasn't going to be seen by most people."

Michael Jordan once said of himself: "I play to win, whether during practice or a real game. And I will not let anything get in the way of me and my competitive enthusiasm to win."

Legendary scientist and Nobel Prize winner Albert Einstein kept a photo in his study of Isaac Newton, an English mathematician-physicist-astronomer-theologian who has his own statue at Oxford; Walt Disney (the "Golden Animator") revolutionized artistic animation and visual display to the masses; and Michael Jordan, with six championship rings, during his playing days had his own song and ad campaign catch-phrase, "Be Like Mike."

In 2005, Jobs offered a stirring commencement address to graduating students at Stanford University. In one of his more poignant passages, Jobs related: "Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. I'm convinced that the only thing that kept me going was that I loved what I did. You've got to find what you love. And that is as true for your work as it is for your lovers.

"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it."

With that, how about "Be Like Steve" ... and Mike didn't settle either.

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Letters to the Editor

Take a look at W-2 forms

The Chamber of Commerce completed its prevailing wage survey. Now, the CNMI government is conducting a prevailing wage "census." May I suggest to those who are seeking for accurate and reliable information to mine the data from the income tax returns, the W-2 forms that the Revenue and Taxation office keeps somewhere in filing cabinets. This is a logical and efficient way to mine data, and you can call it "a survey" or "a census," whichever suits your pseudo purpose.

Francisco R. Agulto
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Clarification

I am writing in response to the article about the MLSC workshop on parole in place in Monday's *Tribune*. Thank you for covering the event, meeting with people who attended, and reporting on information provided.

I think it is important to clarify one point about what you printed. You wrote: "Parole in place is also available for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens who need more time to change their immigration status, including obtaining green card." MLSC did not make this statement. We believe it may be misleading.

While any person may apply for parole-in-place, USCIS has not provided any written policy or regulation indicating that it will act favorably on applications by immediate relatives of US citizens who need time to adjust their status. MLSC agrees with the assessment by the *Tribune* immigration columnists, Maya Kara and Bruce Mailman, that those with approved or pending I-130s or I-360s may possibly be able to get parole in place until they file for adjustment of status with their I-485; and those immediate relatives who have not yet filed any of the forms (such as the I-130 or I-360) will probably not get parole in place, unless there are other compelling, extenuating circumstances. The decision will be made by USCIS on a case-by-case basis. The situation could change, however, if Congressman Sablan is successful in his efforts to get parole in place for those protected by his pending legislation.

MLSC encourages all immediate relatives under U.S. law to use the existing channels for establishing their status (and getting their green cards) rather than relying on the temporary, discretionary option of parole in place. Thank you.

Jane Mack
Micronesian Legal Services Corp.

ATM card found

My family and I were at Twin's Market in Dandan on Sunday when I found a Bank of Guam ATM/debit card outside. The name of the person on the card is Leonina Diaz. The last person who entered the market was a woman so I entered the establishment again and asked her if she's the owner of the card and she said, "No." So I went out of the market and searched at the parking lot for the card's owner. The owner of the market came out looking for the card owner. When she realized that the owner had left, she took the card from me. If Leonina Diaz reads this letter, just go to Twin's Market in Dandan and claim your card.

Hamor V. Manahan
via email

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

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Palau	Rain	▲86	▼77
Yap	Rain	▲86	▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲82	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼72
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼75

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲59	▼52
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼50
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Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼74
London	Windy	▲57	▼44
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲88	▼75
Melbourne	Sunny	▲82	▼53
Miami	Showers	▲83	▼79
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼60
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲73	▼57
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲55	▼46
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San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼60
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼42
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Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼63

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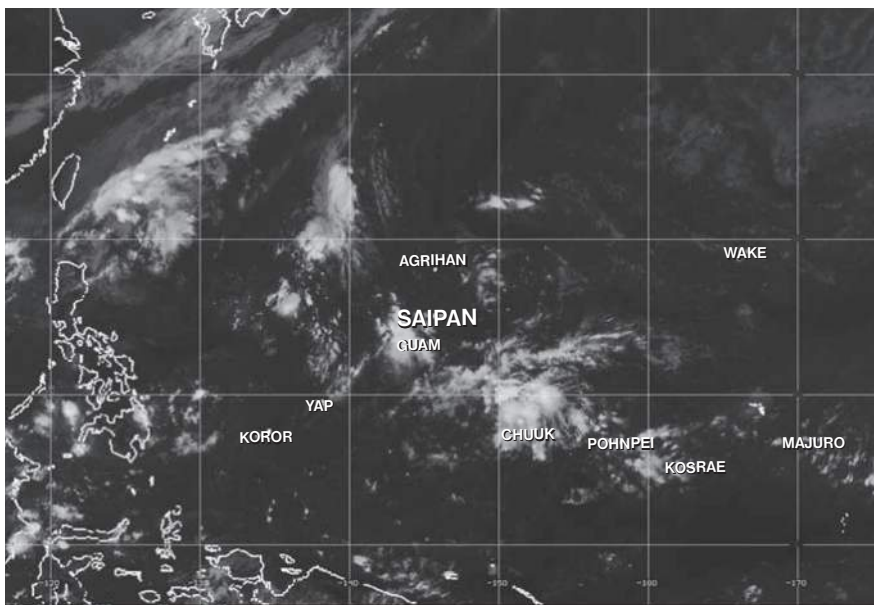

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

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Tides

Saipan Harbor

5:13 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
12:33 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
5:54 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
10:21 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Wednesday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Thursday	6:10 AM	5:54 PM
Friday	6:10 AM	5:54 PM
Saturday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:30 PM	10:56 AM
Wednesday	11:25 PM	11:45 AM
Thursday		12:32 PM
Friday	12:20 AM	1:18 PM
Saturday	1:16 AM	2:03 PM

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DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
0Z604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
0Z606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
0Z606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
0Z606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
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C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
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0Z605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
0Z702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
0Z724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
0Z722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
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Business

Occupy Wall Street shows muscle, raises $300K

NEW YORK (AP)—The Occupy Wall Street movement has close to $300,000, as well as storage space loaded with donated supplies in lower Manhattan. It stared down city officials to hang on to its makeshift headquarters, showed its muscle Saturday with a big Times Square demonstration and found legions of activists demonstrating in solidarity across the country and around the world.

Could this be the peak for loosely organized protesters, united less by a common cause than by revulsion to what they consider unbridled corporate greed? Or are they just getting started?

There are signs of confidence, but also signs of tension among the demonstrators at Zuccotti Park, the epicenter of the movement that began a month ago Monday. They have trouble agreeing on things like whether someone can bring in a sleeping bag, and show little sign of uniting on any policy issues. Some protesters eventually want the movement to rally around a goal, while others insist that isn't the point.

"We're moving fast, without a hierarchical structure and lots of gears turning," said Justin Strekal, a college student and political organizer who traveled from Cleveland to New York to help. "... Egos are clashing, but this is participatory democracy in a little park."

Even if the protesters were barred from camping in Zuccotti Park, as the property owner and the city briefly threatened to do last week, the movement would continue, Strekal said. He said activists were working with legal experts to identify alternate sites where the risk of getting kicked out would be relatively low.

AP

Occupy Wall Street protestors march outside the Federal Reserve the day after successfully resisting a potential eviction from their camp in Zuccotti Park, Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, in New York.

Wall Street protesters are intent on hanging on to the momentum they gained from Saturday's worldwide demonstrations, which drew hundreds of thousands of people, mostly in the U.S. and Europe. They're filling a cavernous space on Broadway a block from Wall Street with donated goods to help sustain their nearly month-long occupation of the private park nearby.

They've amassed mounds of blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, cans of food, medical and hygienic supplies—even oddities like a box of knitting wool and 20 pairs of swimming goggles (to shield protesters from pepper-spray attacks). Supporters are shipping about 300 boxes a day, Strekal said.

The space was donated by the United Federation of Teachers, which has offices in the building.

Close to $300,000 in cash also has been donated, through the movement's website and by people who give money in person at the park, said Bill Dobbs, a press liaison for Occupy Wall Street. The movement has an account at Amalgamated Bank, which bills itself as "the only 100 percent union-owned bank in the United States."

Strekal said the donated goods are being stored "for a long-term occupation."

"We are unstoppable! Another world is possible!" Kara Segal and other volunteers chanted in the building lobby as they arrived to help unpack and sort items, preparing them to be rolled out to the park.

While on the streets, moments of madness occasionally erupt in the protest crowd—accompanied by whiffs of marijuana, grungy clothing and disarray—order prevails at the storage site.

It doubles as a sort of Occupy Wall Street central command post, with strategic meetings that are separate from the "general assembly" free-for-alls in the park. One subject Sunday was data entry: protesters are working to get the names and addresses of donors into a databank, to thank them for their gifts.

The movement has become an issue in the Republican presidential primary race and beyond, with politicians from both parties under pressure to weigh in.

President Barack Obama referred to the protests at Sunday's dedication of a monument for Martin Luther King Jr., saying the civil rights leader "would want us to challenge the excesses of Wall Street without demonizing those who work there."

Many of the largest of Saturday's protests were in Europe, where those involved in long-running demonstrations against austerity measures declared common cause with the Occupy Wall Street movement. In Rome, hundreds of rioters infiltrated a march by tens of thousands of demonstrators, causing what the mayor estimated was at least euro1 million ($1.4 million) in damage to city property.

U.S. cities large and small were "occupied" over the weekend: Washington, D.C., Fairbanks, Alaska, Burlington, Vt., Rapid City, S.D., and Cheyenne, Wyo. were just a few. In Cincinnati, protesters were invited to take pictures with a couple getting married; the bride and groom are Occupied Cincinnati supporters.

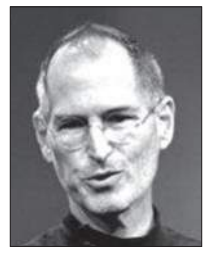
More than 70 New York protesters were arrested Saturday, more than 40 of them in Times Square. About 175 people were arrested in Chicago after they refused to leave a park where they were camped late Saturday, and there were about 100 arrests in Arizona—53 in Tucson and 46 in Phoenix—after protesters refused police orders to disperse. About two dozen people were arrested in Denver, and in Sacramento, Calif., anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan was among about 20 people arrested after failing to follow police orders to disperse.

Activists around the country said they felt that Saturday's protests energized their movement.

"It's an upward trajectory," said John St. Lawrence, a Florida real estate lawyer who took part in Saturday's Occupy Orlando protest, which drew more than 1,500 people. "It's catching people's imagination and also, knock on wood, nothing sort of negative or discrediting has happened."

Security heavy at private service for Steve Jobs

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP)—Security is heavy at Stanford University as some of Silicon Valley's elite gather for a private memorial for Apple Inc. co-founder Steve Jobs.



Jobs

It was unclear when the event started or how many were in attendance but reporters saw dozens of people walking from a church to another building. Soft music could be heard coming from there later.

Apple spokesman Todd Wilder tells reporters he's been there since 2 p.m. PDT. He says it's a private event and he can't release any details about it. Stanford has also declined comment.

Earlier, guards directed the handful of reporters to a parking lot several hundred yards away from Stanford's Memorial Church where the service was held.

Additional personnel behind steel barricades allowed only a smattering of vehicles to enter the area.

Jobs was the mastermind behind popular gadgets such as the iPhone and iPad. He died Oct. 5 at age 56 after struggling for years with pancreatic cancer.

Where are we now?

By FRANK GIBSON
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Frank L. Gibson, SPHR, GPHR, owner of HR Support, CNMI, has been a resident of the CNMI for more than 14 years. One of the founding members of the CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, he has worked both as a line-manager of human resources and in the Human Resource Office.

Question from more than one person: No one has said anything to me. My boss hasn't told me if he is petitioning me or not. I don't know what is going to happen. Should I presume that I am going home? What should I do?

I have had several questions on human resource management issues, such as how to handle absenteeism problems, why do we need job descriptions and written policies if we employ at will, and other similar topics. These are all good questions, but I am having a hard time overlooking the questions of more immediate concern that are coming up now. The problem is that I'm not sure that I have the answers—or that anyone else has.

Mr. Dave Gulick and his USCIS staff put a lot of time, effort, and personal concern into educating all interested CNMI residents about the Final Rule and what employers and employees needed to know and do. In the process, some unexpected problems and potential adverse effects came to light and they have been responsive in finding ways to alleviate the impact and in communicating that information to us.

Most—but not all—employers have started the decision-making process with placing job vacancy announcements to see how many qualified U.S. workers are available to fill their positions. When asked, I have advised employers to advertise in the newspapers or on the CNMI DOL website, as the USCIS question-answer page instructed and Gulick confirmed. I have advised advertising for a one to two-week period, which would appear sufficient to actually be a "good faith effort" to determine if there are qualified U.S. workers. I have been watching the papers and seen the increase in job ads, but certainly not the 10,000-12,000 non-U.S. workers that are supposedly employed here in the Commonwealth. I am aware of employers advertising on the radio, which Mr. Gulick said, in his last presentation at the Saipan Chamber meeting, would not meet the "good faith effort" standard, and of others that are advertising only once, which would also seem to fall short.

At times I feel like a prophet of doom, which I certainly hope is not so, when I say to employers that they should look at the worst possible outcome, which is to have their petitions denied because of taking shortcuts, and that they should go ahead and do that little bit extra to stay on the safe side and away from possible disaster.

Because of previous creative job titles to get around CNMI DOL hiring limitations, many non-U.S. employees with professional titles and credentials might not work at the professional level. However, some do and should be processed as such for an appropriate visa status. I think that it is important to remember that the discussion of public comments on page 105-6 of the Final Rule provides the DHS estimate of 1,540 to 1,909 non-U.S. workers eligible for other INA visa classifications than the CW-1. The Rule acknowledges that the numbers provided by the Department of the Interior might be imprecise, but it should warn us that they are expecting significant numbers of H-1B and other INA visa petitions.

Dave Gulick and his staff emphasized that they anticipate a high percentage of approvals for the CW-1 requests, but he also stressed the need to be honest in providing the information on the petitions. I recommend that this advice be taken seriously. Mr. Gulick is known for not discussing matters outside of his authority, but those here who have worked with him also know that he does what he says he will do. I anticipate that he will do everything possible to help the CNMI, its employers and its workers, both U.S. and non-U.S., but he will not ignore the regulation or the INA laws. I would recommend taking the attestation seriously; especially the two points regarding the availability of qualified U.S. workers and whether a worker qualifies for any other nonimmigrant worker classification. I take the phrase "under penalty of perjury" quite seriously.

Right now everyone is waiting. After the advertisements, the interviews will take place and at that time employers will know who can be petitioned and who will not. Applicants will know if they have found employment or not. For some the waiting will end there and those persons not petitioned will have to quickly find another petitioner or plan their return home. For those newly hired, the challenges of a new job will begin. For others, the wait will continue until petition approval or denial is received.

I guess you can say that we are all in a holding pattern. I wish all of us a safe landing—wherever our eventual destinations might be.

Nation

Kings call for economic fairness at MLK memorial

WASHINGTON (AP)—For many who helped dedicate the new Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on Sunday, the towering granite monument is a stark reminder that the civil rights leader's dream of social and economic justice has yet to be realized.

In many ways, the ceremony was a passing of the torch to a younger generation with speeches marked by fierce rhetoric over the nation's economic disparities. Thousands gathered at the memorial site, some as early as 5 a.m., to hear President Barack Obama, King's children and other civil rights leaders. Speaker after speaker invoked King's "I Have a Dream" speech from 1963 to challenge others to carry on his fight.

"Yes, my father had a dream. It was a dream, he said, that was deeply embedded in the American dream," said King's son Martin Luther King III. "The problem is the American dream of 50 years ago ... has turned into a nightmare for millions" who have lost their jobs and homes.

The nation has "lost its soul," he said, when it tolerates such vast economic disparities, teen bullying, and having more people of color in prison than in college.

His sister, the Rev. Bernice King, reminded the crowd that just before her father's assassination in 1968, he was mobilizing a poor people's campaign to occupy the nation's capital until the economic system changed.

She said the postponement of an earlier dedication because of Hurricane Irene that was planned on Aug. 28, the 48th anniversary of her father's "Dream" speech, may have been an act of God.

"Perhaps the postponement was a divine interruption to remind us of a King that moved us beyond the dream of racial justice to the action and work of economic justice," she said. "Perhaps God wanted us to move beyond the `dream' into action."

Other speakers included union leaders, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Andrew Young, the former Atlanta mayor and U.N. ambassador who was an aide to King. Young urged the crowd to vote for a president who has their interests at heart.

Actress Cicely Tyson said her contemporaries are passing the fight on to a new generation. She passed the microphone to 12-year-old Amandla Stenberg. The girl recalled learning about the civil rights movement in school and named four young girls killed in a 1963 church bombing in Birmingham, Ala.

"As Dr. King said at their funeral, `They didn't live long lives, but they lived meaningful lives,'" Amandla said. "I plan to live a meaningful life, too."

Some looked to Obama to carry on King's legacy.

Street vendors nearby sold framed photographs edited to depict King and the nation's first black president conversing together in the Oval Office, along with a wide swath of buttons, posters and other souvenirs showing King and Obama.

U.S. Rep. John Lewis of Georgia said Obama's election was "just a down payment" on King's dream. "We're not there yet," he said.

About 1.5 million people are estimated to have visited the memorial's 30-foot-tall statue of King and its granite walls where 14 of his quotations are carved in stone since it opened in August. The memorial is the first on the National Mall honoring a black leader.

The sculpture of King with his arms crossed appears to emerge from a stone extracted from a mountain. It was carved by Chinese artist Lei Yixin. The design was inspired by a line from the "Dream" speech: "Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope."

AP

A large crowd fills the approximate 10,000 chairs at the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in Washington, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2012.

Obama, who was just 6 years old when King was assassinated, saluted the civil rights icon as a man who pushed the nation toward what it "ought" to be and who changed hearts and minds.

"He had faith in us," Obama said. "And that is why he belongs on this Mall: Because he saw what we might become."

"As tough as times may be, I know we will overcome," Obama said. "I know there are better days ahead."

The president, who credits King with paving his way to the White House, left a copy of his inaugural speech in a time capsule at the monument earlier in the day.

Many who crowded in to see the president and hear Aretha Franklin and Stevie Wonder sing chanted "four more years" when Obama arrived. And they said the talk of economic fairness resonated with their own lives.

Joyce Lansdown, 61, a retired federal worker from Chantilly, Va., brought her daughter and granddaughter to the ceremony. She was glad Obama and others mentioned the importance of caring for seniors during the economic downturn.

"My heart goes out to them," she said. "My momma is still living on her little Social Security check."

Patricia Johnson, 50, drove with her godfather's granddaughter from Twinsburg, Ohio, to see the president and King's family.

"It seems that President Obama as a young president is following King's footsteps," she said. "I think we can continue to learn a lot from (King's) example."

Her young family friend, 13-year-old Faron Bouldin, wiped tears from her eyes as a recording of King's full "Dream" speech played on large TV screens after Obama spoke.

"It feels really important for me," Bouldin said of King's message.

Some 10,000 chairs set up in a field near the memorial site were all filled. Many others stood in overflow sections.

The August ceremony when the memorial opened had been expected to draw 250,000, though organizers anticipated about 50,000 for Sunday's event.

Obama: King 'stirred our conscience'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama urged Americans Sunday to draw energy and lessons of peace and patience from the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the slain Baptist minister honored among presidents with a memorial on the National Mall.

What Obama didn't need to say suggested much of the progress King had sought: The nation's first black president was dedicating the first memorial to a black man on the National Mall, a circumstance the memorial's designers didn't envision when they began work more than 15 years ago.

But all around the sun-splashed, star-studded event were reminders of the gap between King's famous dreams of equality and the nation's imperfect reality in 2011. Now, too, the nation remains riven by war, economic crisis and, in some quarters, distrust of government.

"I know we will overcome," Obama, who was 6 when King was assassinated in 1968, proclaimed to the crowd of several thousand.

"He had faith in us," the president added. "And that is why he belongs on this Mall: because he saw what we might become."

The memorial's dedication has special meaning for the Obamas. The president credits King for opening his way to the White House and makes reference to the civil rights leader in many speeches. Two nights earlier, the first family opted for a more private visit to the site—before the crowds and the cameras arrived.

AP

President Barack Obama speaks at the dedication ceremony of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, on the National Mall in Washington.

In the glare of bright sun and television lights Sunday, King's daughter Bernice, his son Martin Luther King III and Harry Johnson Sr., president and CEO of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Project Foundation, gave the first family a second tour. The group walked along the memorial's long inscription wall and stopped at a large silver box—a time capsule to be buried at the memorial. Obama's daughters, Sasha and Malia, each dropped a scroll inside. A White House aide confirmed that they were signed copies of the president's inaugural speech and his address to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

They moved on to the granite monument: two jagged boulders representing the "mountain of despair" King described, with a massive "stone of hope" removed from the middle and pushed ahead. Carved from the central piece is the 30-foot sculpture of King, arms crossed, staring out over the reflecting pool and past the Jefferson Memorial to the horizon.

"Are you all happy with it?" the president asked the King family. Bernice King replied yes.

In his speech, Obama did not directly mention himself or name any specific dynamics dividing the nation. But he focused on King's broad themes—equality, justice and peaceful resistance—and served up a reminder that "the hardships we face are nothing compared to those Dr. King and his fellow marchers faced 50 years ago."

But in one section, the way Obama described King's struggles drew clear parallels with his own.

"Even after rising to prominence, even after winning the Nobel Peace Prize, Dr. King was vilified by many," Obama, a Nobel Prize winner himself, said.

ACROSS THE NATION

2 teen girls die after being hit by train in Utah

SPANISH FORK, Utah (AP)—Two 15-year-old girls died and a 13-year-old girl was critically injured after they were struck by a freight train in Utah. Utah County sheriff's Sgt. Spencer Cannon says the three girls were taking photos when they were hit Saturday evening in Spanish Fork Canyon. He says the teens apparently knew one train was coming, but did not realize another train was coming from the opposite direction and became caught between them. The Deseret News reports Essa Ricker and Kelsea Webster were killed in the accident. Kelsea's sister, Savannah Webster, underwent surgery Sunday at a hospital.

LA sheriff blames self for violence at jails

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca said he is to blame for deputy misconduct and brutality against inmates in the nation's largest jail network. He acknowledged to the Los Angeles Times (http://lat.ms/q0SjN4) that he was out of touch about problems in the jails and failed to put into place important reforms that could have minimized violence against inmates. "The truth is, I should've known," Baca said. "So now I do know." Baca, who is in his third term, said that his subordinates often insulated him from "bad news."

Mo. National Guard joins search for missing baby

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Military police from the Missouri National Guard joined the search Sunday for a Kansas City baby, crawling through a wooded area to make sure no evidence was overlooked in the search for the girl reported missing from her home nearly two weeks ago. About 25 members of the guard's 1139th Military Police Company based in nearby Harrisonville, FBI agents and officers from several police and sheriff's departments from nearby communities in Missouri and Kansas split up into several groups and scoured a large wooded area west of the family's home. The baby, Lisa Irwin, was 10 months old when her parents reported her missing Oct. 4. Her parents, Deborah Bradley and Jeremy Irwin, said she disappeared from her crib sometime overnight. Previous searches have included the family's neighborhood, nearby wooded areas, a landfill and abandoned homes. Police have said that so far there are no suspects or major leads.

Asia

Japan's aging air force plans major overhaul

HYAKURI AIR BASE, Japan (AP)—Warplanes bearing the bright red Rising Sun logo roared overhead Sunday as Japan held a once-every-three-years display to showcase one of the best air forces in Asia. The only problem—most of its fighters were grounded.

Underscoring Japan's uphill battle in an increasingly heated race to control the skies over Asia, the air review came just a week after the country's entire F-15 fleet was ordered into its hangers for safety checks following a midair accident, the second such order in three months.

But in an effort to counterbalance big strides by China and Russia toward deploying new stealthy aircraft, Japan's Air Self-Defense Forces are about to get a multibillion dollar overhaul.

For Sunday's review, the F-15s—the workhorse of Japan's air defenses—were relegated to ground displays, either parked on the runway or allowed to taxi but not take off. Last weekend, an empty fuel tank burst and detached from a F-15 on a training flight, causing the grounding order. In July, an F-15 flying out of Okinawa crashed into the ocean. The pilot is listed as missing and presumed dead.

The accidents reinforced what military planners already knew: Japan's aging air force has seen better days. But after years of delays and budget battles, Japan is expected to announce by the end of December a new fighter deal that will likely shape Asian air security for decades to come.

AP

Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda reviews members of the Japan Self-Defense Force (SDF) during the annual Self-Defense Forces Commencement of Air Review at Hyakuri Air Base, north of Tokyo, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011.

PH man kills wife, 3 children, police say

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Filipino man shot his wife, three of his children and their maid with a pistol while having breakfast Sunday in a central Philippine town and then killed himself, police said. But he spared his favorite daughter, they said.

The killings in Talisay town in Cebu province shocked many in the crime-weary country.

Emmanuel Ponce, a 55-year-old former seaman, shot his family in their affluent home, police said.

Ponce told his youngest daughter to leave and call police before shooting his son for the second time and then killing himself, police investigator Mike Espina said.

"You'll be the only one who will live," Espina said the father told his 14-year-old daughter. "After this, I'll commit suicide. Go and call the police."

As the daughter ran out of the house, she saw her father shoot her brother for the second time and later heard another shot, Espina said.

Espina said the motive for the killings was unclear and there was no sign Ponce was drunk. Ponce had retired after working for years as a seaman and his wife was a bank manager.

"This is a puzzle for us at the moment," Espina told The Associated Press by telephone from Talisay, about 350 miles (560 kilometers) southeast of Manila. He said the surviving daughter was still too much in shock to talk much about the shootings.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Circus elephant tramples Vietnamese girl to death

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Police in Vietnam say a circus elephant has trampled to death a girl who sneaked into a yard to feed it. Police officer Pham Ngoc Tien of Lao Cai province in the north says the elephant was part of a troupe from Hanoi on a 10-day tour of the province. He says the elephant was tied to a chain in the fenced backyard of a cultural center when it was not performing. Tien said Monday that the 11-year-old girl and several other children sneaked into the backyard. The girl was feeding the elephant when it lifted her up with its trunk, threw her to the ground and trampled her repeatedly.

Italian priest shot dead in southern Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Police say an Italian Catholic priest has been shot dead in his remote parish in the southern Philippines. Chief Inspector Benjamin Rioflorido said the Rev. Fausto Tentorio was about to board his car Monday in North Cotabato province's mountainous Arakan township when a gunman shot him several times within the church compound. Tentorio was pronounced dead on arrival in a nearby hospital. Rioflorido says a witness has said the gunman ran from the scene then fled on a motorcycle driven by an accomplice.

Oil pumping resumes on stricken New Zealand ship

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Salvage crews have resumed pumping oil from a stricken cargo ship teetering on a reef off the New Zealand coast a week after abandoning an earlier attempt due to bad weather. But the condition of the vessel Rena is precarious, and more bad weather predicted for Monday night could hamper or even end salvage attempts. The ship has major structural cracks and experts say it could break apart or slip from the reef at any time. The Rena grounded Oct. 5 on the Astrolabe reef 14 miles (22 kilometers) from Tauranga Harbour on New Zealand's North Island.

World

Iran's Khamenei warns US over assassination claims

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's supreme leader warned the United States on Sunday that any measures taken against Tehran over an alleged plot to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to Washington would elicit a "resolute" response.

Two men, including a member of the Iranian special foreign actions unit known as the Quds Force, have been charged in New York federal court with conspiring to kill the Saudi diplomat, Adel Al-Jubeir. U.S. officials have said no one was ever in any immediate danger from the plot.

"If U.S. officials have some delusions, (they must) know that any unsuitable act, whether political or security, will meet a resolute response from the Iranian nation," state TV quoted Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as saying.

Iran also demanded that a diplomat be allowed to visit one of the men in prison.

Khamenei's comments may reflect Iranian concerns that Washington would use the Al-Jubeir case to ratchet up sanctions and recruit international allies to try to further isolate Tehran.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has been blunt in saying the United States would use the allegations as leverage with other countries that have been reluctant to apply harsh sanctions or penalties against Iran.

Khamenei, who has the final say on all state matters in Iran, said that the U.S. accused Iran of terror in order to divert attention from its economic woes and from the Occupy Wall Street protest movement.

"By attributing an absurd and meaningless accusation to a few Iranians, they tried ... to show that Iran is a supporter of terrorism. ...This conspiracy didn't work and won't work," he said.

Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, for his part, dismissed the U.S. accusations as a fabricated "scenario."

"Iran is a civilized nation and doesn't need to resort to assassination," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying Sunday by the official IRNA news agency. "The culture of terror belongs to you," he said, addressing the United States.

Iranian officials have consistently denied the allegations since they first emerged last week. An earlier statement by Khamenei on Saturday, and Ahmadinejad's remarks on Sunday, were the first comments made by the country's two highest leaders.

In a formal statement released Saturday, the Iranian government said it has no connection to Manssor Arbabsiar, the man arrested in the alleged plot.

On Sunday Iran's Foreign Ministry summoned the Swiss Charge d'Affairs to Tehran to demand consular access to Arbabsiar.

Arab League stops short of suspending Syria

CAIRO (AP)—Gulf countries seeking to suspend Syria's membership to the Arab League over its bloody crackdown on protesters failed to gain enough support Sunday to push the measure through, reflecting deep divisions among the body's 22 nations.

Arab foreign ministers met at the group's Cairo headquarters behind closed doors for an initial 3-hour session without Syria's representative, then took a break and reconvened for talks with Syrian diplomats that lasted late into the night.

Just after the meeting with Syrian diplomats, Qatar Foreign Minister Hamad bin Jassim made no mention of a possible suspension and instead gave Syria a 15-day deadline to enact a cease-fire.

The Arab League also agreed to create a committee led by Qatar to oversee the situation in Syria and said a national dialogue between Syrian officials and the opposition would take place at the League's headquarters in Cairo.

"A national dialogue in 15 days is one of the most important decisions of the day," bin Jassim said.

The national dialogue is to include members of the opposition from outside Syria as well as inside. If the meeting and a cease-fire do not take place within the allotted time frame, the Arab League will meet again in an emergency session, participants said.

Syrian state TV reported that Damascus was not eager to hold the dialogue in Cairo, suggesting it should be held in Syria instead.

The newly formed Syrian National Council, a broad based opposition umbrella group, was also seen unlikely to accept the call for dialogue, though some factions within the fragmented opposition who might be willing to hold talks.

Some activists rejected the idea of talks with the Assad regime.

"We said it from the day the first martyr fell: No dialogue with the killers. The killers will be put on trial by the free Syrian people," wrote prominent Syrian opposition figure Suhair Atassi on her Twitter feed. She is in hiding.

WORLD BRIEFS

Emotions high ahead of Israel-Hamas prisoner swap

JERUSALEM (AP)—This week's planned Mideast prisoner swap is unleashing deep anguish in Israel and widespread elation in the Palestinian territories, laying bare the chasm of perspective dividing the two sides. In Israel, the public is aghast at having to release convicted perpetrators of suicide bombings, deadly shootings and grisly kidnappings, although most understand that's what it takes to win freedom for a soldier captured during a routine patrol inside Israel at age 19. The Palestinians, with equal vehemence, see the returnees as heroes who fought an occupier at a time of violence and argue moral equivalence between their actions and those of Israel's army.

Libyans bulldoze Gadhafi's Tripoli compound

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libyan revolutionary forces bulldozed the green walls surrounding Moammar Gadhafi's main Tripoli compound on Sunday, saying it was time "to tear down this symbol of tyranny." The sprawling, fortress-like compound known as Bab al-Aziziya has long been hated by Libyans who feared to even walk nearby during Gadhafi's more than four decades in power and its capture was seen as a turning point in the civil war as revolutionaries overran the capital in late August. Ahmad Ghargory, commander of a revolutionary brigade, said the area will be turned into a public park accessible to all Libyans.

Bolivians rebuke Morales in judicial ballot

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—Most Bolivians who voted in Sunday's election to choose the country's top judges cast invalid ballots in what would be a stinging rebuke for President Evo Morales, according to unofficial partial results. If the results hold, it would the first defeat at the polls for the leftist coca-grower's union leader of his nearly six-year presidency. Official results were not expected for at least five days in the vote for 56 judgeships on Bolivia's top four tribunals, including its supreme and constitutional courts.

Focus

KUNDUZ, Afghanistan (AP)—The United States led the war in Afghanistan, but the stakes—and the losses—are high for all.

Faces *and* stories of 10-year Afghanistan war

By KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

At least 1,700 American soldiers have died over the past decade, according to a tally by The Associated Press. NATO has lost 954 soldiers, with Germany supplying the biggest contingent after the U.S. and Britain.

The Afghan National Army has suffered more than 1,500 deaths. And while there are no reliable figures for how many insurgents have been killed, the estimate is more than 10,000.

In the meantime, the Afghan people are caught in the middle. About 2,930 civilians have been killed in bombing raids by the U.S. and NATO, while another 7,686 have been killed by insurgents, according to estimates from the United Nations and Human Rights Watch.

Here, The Associated Press puts a face to several sides of the war.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

KYLE MCCLINTOCK, 23, U.S. soldier

KABUL (AP)—Growing up, Pfc. Kyle McClintock hated his Mom and Dad for being Army reservists because they were gone for long stretches. His father fought in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm, and his mother served in Afghanistan.

Today, McClintock, a native of Rockford, Illinois, is the second generation of his family to fight in Afghanistan, in what is by some measures the longest war the U.S. has fought.

"I don't know why my life is the same as theirs, but I like it now," McClintock says. "Now I understand."

The United States, with its 120,000 soldiers, is the largest fighting force on the ground. It has also suffered the most casualties. In 10 years, 1,782 American men and women have died in Afghanistan, and hundreds more were wounded.

McClintock was only 13 when terrorists headquartered in Afghanistan carried out the Sept. 11, 2001 assault on New York and Washington. Less than one month later, on Oct. 7, the U.S. and its allies launched Operation Enduring Freedom to hunt down the Taliban and al-Qaida.

McClintock's brother and cousins joined the military, and he dressed up as a soldier nearly every Halloween. When he married, he told his wife the Army was his calling.

He did his basic training in Kentucky. Then he left for Germany, where he was born, to prepare for Afghanistan.

Three months into his first deployment, McClintock, 23, is standing guard at an outpost on Afghan mountain for a clear view of the Pakistani border, through which terrorists enter. It's his first time in a war zone. His parents rarely spoke of what they saw and did in the military.

"It wasn't really dinnertime conversation," he says.

But so far combat has been restricted to the odd indirect rocket fire. "It's a lot better than I thought it would be," he says.

There's the Internet, and he can make the occasional call to his wife. He passes countless hours playing games.

It's the physical activity that's grueling, says McClintock. Most of the soldiers of the 172 Infantry Brigade are accustomed to working on and with tanks, not hiking up mountains on foot.

"We climb mountains, we are like ... mountain goats. The mountains are horrible," he says. "There is no way to describe how spent you are after missions."

McClintock thinks his parents are proud of him. But he still hasn't decided whether to make the military his career, as they did. One thing is certain in his mind: He won't encourage his 19-month-old son to be the next generation of soldier in the family.

"I feel like, I'm doing this so that other people don't have to do this," he says. "And he might feel the same way. But if he doesn't, then that's what I've done. I at least made my son not have to do this."

THIRD LARGEST ARMY

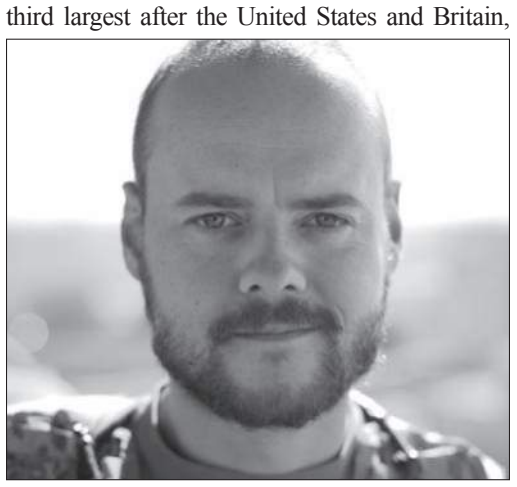
TIM RUPPELT, 30, German soldier

Tim Ruppelt served nine months in the German army because he had to. But he signed up for the next 12 years because he wanted to.

Ruppelt, then 21, had a dead-end job at a warehouse in his hometown of Bremen, so he left to do military service, which was compulsory in Germany. As he entered his seventh month, he realized he was enjoying the camaraderie and the daily training and stayed.

"It was interesting, every day it was something different," says Ruppelt, who is now a paramedic in the army. "If I stayed, I could get an education."

Germany's deployment in Afghanistan is the third largest after the United States and Britain,



with 5,000 soldiers. So far, 53 German soldiers have died. Since the start of the Afghanistan war, NATO and its partner nations have lost 954 soldiers.

Germany is also still haunted by the legacy of World War II, which has left mixed feelings about the military. In hitchhiking across Afghanistan in 2009, Ruppelt met two young German women who had never heard of al-Qaida or Osama bin Laden, and who asked him why Germany was in Afghanistan.

"I have the feeling that Germans are not very proud of their soldiers fighting in Afghanistan," Ruppelt says. "Sometimes I have the feeling they have forgotten we are here."

Not everyone. His mother still can't watch a single news program in case something about Afghanistan pops up on the screen.

"She doesn't want to know or even hear anything about Afghanistan when I am here," says Ruppelt, who speaks softly and carefully, a faint smile crossing his face.

Ruppelt studied hard to become a paramedic. His first tour of duty came in 2009, when he was deployed to Faisabad in the north. The patrols were hard and long, sometimes 155 miles (250 kilometers) at a stretch. He felt as if he had been transported to another world.

Yet when he returned to Germany, everything made him think of Faisabad.

"We were barbecuing," he says. "I had been home five months and I looked at the barbecue and it reminded me of barbecuing in Faisabad."

But his friends weren't interested. "Shut up. Forget Faisabad," they said. For them Afghanistan is something they see on the news, and not that often.

Ruppelt's second deployment came this year, and this time he was sent to Kunduz. There his comrades told him that Faisabad was a walk in the park, while Kunduz is war.

Ruppelt looks out over the brown sunbaked mud compounds of the villages in northern Afghanistan, its people dirt poor, and he wonders if it is all worth it.

"For what have our soldiers died is for me the most difficult question I hear," he said, his face clouding over with the memories of fallen comrades. "I don't know the answer. Perhaps in a few years when Afghanistan is a safe place and the terrorism stops and we have no more al-Qaida problems, then we can look back and ask ourselves if it was a successful mission here."

SOLDIERS FIRST TO DIE

MOHAMMED ALI, 21, Afghan soldier

Mohammed Ali, 21, used to watch the Afghan National Army soldiers on patrol in and around his village. He liked their smart-looking camouflage uniforms with the army's black, red and green insignia.

"I would see them and think that one day I will be one of them," Ali says.

He kept his dream to himself. He knew he would face resistance from his family, who had witnessed the civil war of the 1990s and the severe Taliban rule that followed. "War and death are so much a part of my country, and my family always wanted to save us," he says.

Ali is an ethnic Hazara, a minority group targeted both by the Taliban and factions of the Northern Alliance that ruled before them. When he told his mother he wanted to join the army, she tried to dissuade him. "The first casualty is always the soldier," she says. "I'd hate for you to join."

Then a suicide bombing killed two Afghan soldiers on patrol in his northern Sar-e-Pul province.

"Again my family and friends all said: 'The first one to die is always the soldier.'"

Ten months ago, he defied his family's wishes and put on the uniform.

The Afghan National Army has struggled for 10 years to emerge as a cohesive fighting force. Now there's a sense of urgency: When U.S. troops withdraw by 2014, security will be in the hands of the Afghan army and police.

About 175,000 Afghan soldiers are deployed throughout the country, with the number expected to jump to 195,000 in a year, according to the Afghan ministry of defense. More than 1,500 soldiers are believed to have been killed.

"My mother, whenever she hears of an explosion or a soldier dying in Kunduz, she calls me and asks: 'You are all right?' " Ali says. "Mothers are the same everywhere. They worry."

As he speaks he plays with a ring he always wears. He read somewhere that Islam's Prophet Mohammed will protect those who wear the reddish-brown stone, called "aqeek," while praying.

Ali says he had never picked up a weapon before the army. During four months of boot camp, he learned how to shoot, how to search a building and how to react under fire.

Training in first aid made the greatest impression. By simulating ambushes and firefights, "I learned how to save myself and my friend's life."

His first mission came five months into his service. The Afghan army was called to a district to quell a disturbance caused by the local security force, a village militia supposed to be helping the army. Many Afghans are finding such local forces may bring more headaches than help.

Ali had to spend several nights in the district. On one night a report came to his unit that three suicide bombers were trying to enter the base dressed in Afghan National Police uniforms.

"I was very scared and I turned to the other people with me. They were more senior and they were not afraid so I understood I had to be brave."

He knows the U.S. and NATO will leave in three years. He looks around at the cavernous barracks that he shares with about three dozen men.

"I believe we can defend our country but we need to have the good weapons," he says. "My M-16 rifle keeps sticking and sometimes after four shots it is stuck."

He now knows there's more to the army than the smart uniforms.

THE TALIBAN MAN

MOABULLAH, early 40s, Taliban soldier

Moabullah was a schoolboy when the Soviets invaded his homeland in 1979. He was a teenager when he joined the battle to drive them out, and he went on to fight in the civil wars that tore Afghanistan apart in the 1990s. Today, in his early 40s, he is still at war, this time against the Americans and their allies.

He didn't start out as an Islamic firebrand, joining a moderate guerrilla group instead. In 1992, three years after the last Russian soldier had left Afghanistan, he returned to school, this time to

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become a cleric.

But peace never returned, and the militant Islamic movement called the Taliban was taking shape, rallying clerics with battlefield experience

to fight the warlords who had rushed into the post-communist power vacuum and were widely regarded as corrupt and brutal.

Most people were fed up with the bloodletting and longed for someone—anyone—who would restore peace and order. The Taliban did so, while at the same time imposing their own harsh interpretation of Islamic law. Moabullah came with the Taliban to Kabul and remained with the movement as a fighter, often battling Northern Alliance soldiers who controlled a few small pockets in northern Afghanistan.

In recent days he met The Associated Press in Kabul, a tall, thickset man seated on a thin red cushion as he described years of fighting two superpowers and his fellow Afghans.

On Sept. 11, 2001, he was in Kabul, having just returned from his front-line position north of the capital. He was well aware that Osama bin Laden was based in the country as guest of the Taliban leader, Mullah Omar, but says he never met the al-Qaida chief and is certain the Taliban were not in on his 9/11 plan.

"The fighters, commanders didn't know about the World Trade Center. No, Mullah Omar never knew what Osama was planning," he said.

The U.S. warned Omar to hand over bin Laden or face an invasion, but Moabullah said Omar would never have done so, because it would have violated a code of hospitality that requires a host to protect his guest at any cost.

Just days after the Oct. 7 start of the U.S.-led assault on Kabul, Mullah Dadullah, a one-legged and famously ferocious Taliban leader, circulated a note predicting the coalition would win but urging the Taliban to stand and fight anyway. "It said we couldn't win," Moabullah recalled.

On Nov. 13 the Taliban fled Kabul. Moabullah said that at their last meeting, Mullah Omar told him, "I am going to resist." He says he hasn't seen him since, but hears the messages he records on cassette tapes. "Mullah Omar is in Afghanistan," he says.

When the Taliban were defeated, Moabullah says, he got tired of fighting and went home. But then the Northern Alliance came back as America's ally and went after its former enemy, the Taliban.

"They knew us because we had kicked them out years before because they were thieves and criminals. They came to my house and took me and beat me and wanted money or they said they would tell the Americans I was Taliban."

Moabullah fled to Iran, but returned two years later and rejoined the Taliban. He describes his function as more of a supportive role, providing shelter and helping with logistics.

At first his family objected, he says. "My wife and children said 'stay home. leave it alone. It's enough. We have had enough of war.'"

But misplaced bombings and successive night raids by U.S. and Afghan soldiers on his village, which he refuses to identify, changed things, Moabullah says. "Now my wife and children said, 'You have to fight.'"

TEACHING PEACE

SHAHIRA SAIDY, 20, teacher

Shahira Saidy slips into her burqa, steps out of her home and climbs into a rickety old white minivan. A driver takes her to a building hidden behind 10-foot (3-meter) walls.

There, at the Afghan Canadian Community Center, she teaches English to young children and takes classes in business management.

It's a dangerous daily routine for a 20-year-old woman in the southern city of Kandahar, the old Taliban heartland where tribal law and ultraconservative traditions remain sacrosanct, despite the ouster of the religious militia 10 years ago.

"Every morning my mother says to me, 'My heart is burning when you are going to the center,'" Saidy says with a smile. Her expression grew serious as she recalled two girls who were shot and killed on their way to school.

"They were going to school and they were killed, so I am also scared," she says. "But still I am coming and trying my best that I will be able to do something."

The girls were among thousands of Afghan civilians killed in this protracted war. Since 2006, about 2,930 civilians have been killed in errant bombing raids by U.S. and coalition jets, while 7,686 civilians have been killed by insurgents, according to estimates from the United Nations and Human Rights Watch.

Now, as the U.S. and NATO push reconciliation with the Islamist Taliban, activists worry that any peace pact would threaten fragile gains over the

past decade, such as seats for women in parliament.

Wrapped in a large black shawl decorated with images of $100 bills and small doves, Saidy says she doesn't know whom to fear most—Taliban, tribal elders, neighbors or shopkeepers. Many in this town find it distasteful that girls or young women would pursue an education and a career.

Teachers receive threatening notes and telephone calls, including some from neighbors who also give parents finger-wagging lectures not to send their girls to school. The schoolgirls are frightened by the shootings and harassed by taunts and teases.

Rarely are women seen on the streets of Kandahar without a burqa, which covers them from head to toe.

Shahira says her father tells her that she must wear the burqa when she leaves home—because he is afraid for her. She says she feels safe beneath the volumes of mesh material.

"No one can see us but we can see all of them," she says with a laugh.

Saidy dreams of seeing the rest of Afghanistan, and then the world beyond its borders. But she wonders about the future of her homeland. When the Taliban left, there was lots of hope, she says, but now people are killing again.

"The education is going backward again so some of the people have lost their hope and are thinking maybe again Afghanistan has no future," she says.

Yet Saidy says she won't give up on her country. Even in male-dominated Afghanistan, she imagines one day a woman could become the president. And that it could be her.

"If I became the leader of the country, first I will bring peace," she says. "Education is important—if everyone gets education first, then they will first clean their houses, then their cities ... Everything will be all right."

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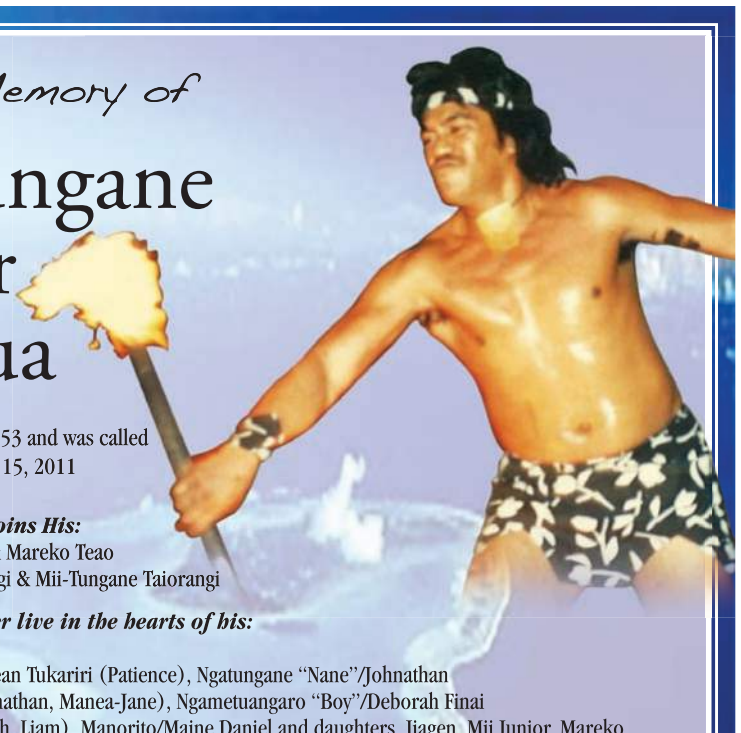

Born to life on February 3, 1953 and was called to his eternal rest on October 15, 2011

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Mothers: Metuatane Taiorangi & Mii-Tungane Taiorangi

His Memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
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Children: Mareko "Perry"/Jean Tukariri (Patience), Ngatungane "Nane"/Johnathan Glassie (Pauline, Moana, Johnathan, Manea-Jane), Ngametuangaro "Boy"/Deborah Finai (Tamaika, Joshua, Zion, Shiloh, Liam), Manorito/Maine Daniel and daughters, Jiagen, Mii Junior, Mareko

Brothers, Sisters & Spouse:
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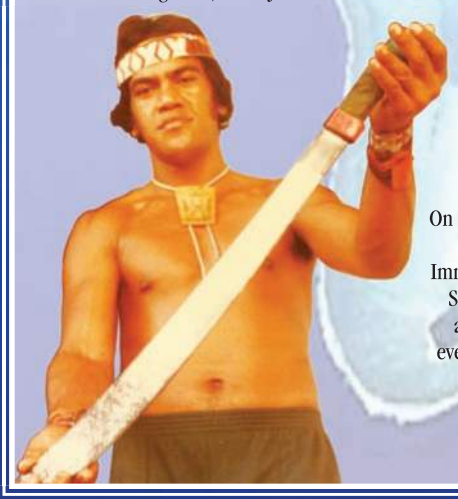

He will also be missed by numerous Uncles, Aunties, Nieces, Nephews, relatives and friends.

Nightly prayer is being held at the family residence in San Antonio, Afetna, at 7:30pm.

On Wednesday, October 19, 2011. Viewing of our beloved will be held at the CHC Chapel begin at 8:00am until 10:00am. Immediately after the viewing our beloved will be escorted to the Saipan International Airport where he will be flown to Guam accompanied by his children for cremation services. In the evening his body will return from Guam and will be escorted to the family residence for final ceremony services.
Thank you – Meitaki Atupaka

The Family

Death and Funeral Announcement

In Loving Memory of

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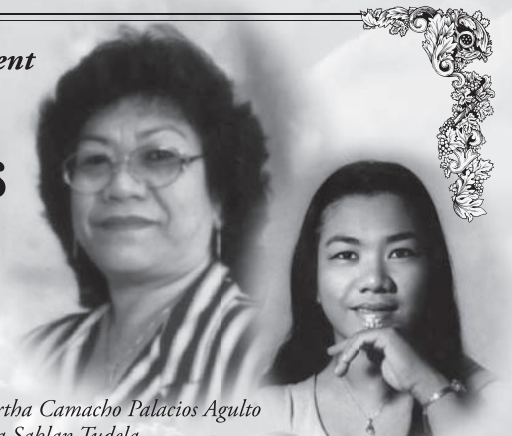

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January 06, 1948 - October 11, 2011

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Sisters/Brother-In-Law: *†Prudenciana S. Agulto, †Bernadita C. Agulto, †Steven Stoll*

Her memories will live in the hearts of her:
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U.S Army Ret., Sergeant Felix Jr. A. *and Lola J. Retan (Zachery, Matthew, Nicolas, Taimane, Taio)*
Martha Rose R. *and Jon Eric Sablan (Markel, Kamaryn, Kaylee, Jon Ethan)*
Molly A. Retan *and Combiniano I. Taisakan (Isaiah)*
Joseph "Jay" A. Retan *and Katrina S. Mansfield (Emma Jayne)*
God Parent: *Juan Camacho Diaz*
Siblings:
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Merced A. *& Augustin T, Camacho and children;*
Ana A. *& Rick Taunton and children;*
Sisters-In-Law: *Rita R. Agulto and children; Terry Hiroichi and children;*

She is also survived by her numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren and friends.

Nightly Mass is being offered at Santa Soledad, Kagman at 6pm, followed by the Rosary.

Last respects and viewing will be at Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, beginning at 7:45am. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 am followed by interment services at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your presence and prayers for our beloved is greatly appreciated.

Thank you yan Si Yu'us Ma'ase ginen I famaguona, yan I familia.

Overdrive

Change oil based on mileage

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: We bought a new Chevy Equinox that now has 5,768 miles on it. The vehicle computer indicates we still have 59 percent of oil life remaining. In the past I have always changed oil between 3,000 and 4,000 miles. The dealer advises oil changes when we reach 20 percent of oil life remaining. We really like this vehicle, but I'm a little nervous.

ANSWER: After nearly 30 years of doing this column, I've learned that there are two basic categories of car owners: those who take care of their vehicles, and those who aren't interested or don't really care. The fact that automakers now install "oil-life monitoring" systems, sealed transmissions with no dipstick, and long-life coolants is confirmation that most owners fall into that second category.

For all of us who do care, the oil monitoring systems present a conundrum: Do I change oil when I want to, or when the car tells me to? There's no question that today's engine designs, manufacturing techniques, materials and computer controls operate far more efficiently and generate far less debris and contamination, thus allowing longer oil and filter change intervals.

But the one question to which there is an absolute answer is this: Who owns and is responsible for the vehicle? You are, so you make the decision on when to service your vehicle, whether it be an oil change, tire rotation or new wiper blades.

I vote with my wrench and wallet—I change oil and filter at 4,000-mile intervals on my newer vehicles, a bit more frequently on the older ones. What's your vote?

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Q: I have a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am GT V6 with 110,000 miles on it. It hesitates when I shift from park to drive or reverse to drive when car is warm. When cold, the car shifts fine, but when it's warm, I can sit for several minutes then have to rev up the engine a little before the car starts to move. Any ideas would help.

A: Has the transmission fluid and filter ever been serviced? Although Pontiac doesn't call for routine transmission service under "normal" driving conditions, their service recommendation calls for fluid and filter changes at 50,000 miles under "severe" service conditions.

I suspect the transmission is suffering from low hydraulic pressure when the unit is fully warmed up. This could be because of high operating temperatures, worn seals and components in the valve body or cumulative wear and tear. The problem is what to do about it. Ideally, you'd have the transmission scanned for fault codes that might identify specific problems, have the unit's hydraulic pressure tested and drain, flush and replace the fluid and filter—and that's just to identify the problem. Then, it may well be time for an overhaul or replacement transmission—a questionable investment in a 12-year-old vehicle.

So, try this. Add half a can (8 ounces) of SeaFoam Trans-Tune to the transmission fluid through the vent/fill cap. The solvent action and high-quality lubricant may improve transmission performance measurably.

Paul Brand, author of How to Repair Your Car*, is an automotive troubleshooter, driving instructor and former race-car driver.*

UNDER THE HOOD

Engine work could result in rattle

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

QUESTION: A friend put new motor mounts in my car and changed the fluids. When I got my car back, it sort of growled when I pushed on the gas to start. That was about a month ago, and now it is not as bad. Can you tell me what is wrong? Is it a problem?—Dorothy Beardslee

ANSWER: It sounds like you have a good friend—replacing motor mounts isn't a very pleasant job to do. Replacing the mounts requires the engine and transmission to be lifted and shifted around a bit in the engine compartment, which may have flexed an attached pipe, hose, or heat shield slightly out of position. During operation, especially under load, an engine wiggles around, perhaps an inch or more in several possible directions. This may be allowing one of the above parts to come into contact with the body or chassis structure, creating an annoying but probably harmless rattle. It's also possible one of the replacement engine mounts may be of inaccurate shape, allowing contact between the engine and chassis mount brackets as the engine twists in its mounts during acceleration.

Another possibility is during the fluid-changing process, the power-steering fluid somehow wasn't fully refilled. Should the power-steering pump gulp a little air due to low fluid level, a loud buzzing sound occurs, typically as the steering wheel is turned.

Why might the growling noise lessen with time? My hunch is that a flexed or slightly bent hose, pipe or heat shield may be relaxing towards its original shape and has moved further away from whatever it's rubbing against. Damage could occur to a part that's rubbing, depending on what the item is and what it's rubbing against. You wouldn't want an aluminum air conditioning pipe or fuel line to be chafing against something, as it may eventually wear through. For this reason it would be best to have the car looked over by your friend or a professional technician, after demonstrating the noise you are hearing.

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Q: What's your take on power steering flushing? I was just told I should do this at 48,600 miles, and I'd never heard of it.—Jason Renner

A: There's no question every automotive system can benefit from periodic fluid renewal, but there needs to be a balance between what's good to do and remaining financially solvent. Power-steering fluid renewal is in my opinion, of less importance that renewing engine coolant, brake fluid and transmission fluid at approximately this mileage. Preventing corrosion of expensive engine and antilock brake parts and protecting your transmission from the effects of oxidized fluid—they can run $2,000 to $8,000 for replacement—is a higher priority to me than the typically trouble-free power-steering system.

If you have already addressed these other fluid needs and plan to keep the car for a long time, go for it. Another option is to renew most of the fluid yourself. Using a turkey baster—one that remains in the garage thereafter—suction out as much fluid as possible from the power steering fluid reservoir. Refill with new fluid, and drive a mile or more with turns in both directions. Repeat this procedure four or five times at your convenience, and you've likely displaced 75 percent of the old fluid. I'm not convinced "flushing" does more than exchange 90 percent to 100 percent of the fluid.

Brad Bergholdt is an automotive technology instructor at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, Calif. Readers may send him email at under-the-hood@earthlink.net; he cannot make personal replies.

Life & Style

Harry Potter studio to open for public tour

By JILL LAWLESS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AP

Actors from the Harry Potter movie series, from left, Natalia Tena, Oliver Phelps, Rupert Grint, Mark Williams, Warwick Davis, James Phelps, Bonnie Wright, and Tom Felton, poses for photographs at the 'Great Hall' one of the sets of the movies during a tour in Watford, north of London, Wednesday Oct. 12, 2011.

WATFORD, England (AP)—The magical world of Harry Potter is being meticulously reassembled at a former aerodrome near London.

The collection of sheds and sound stages is where the eight films were shot over the course of a decade, and soon they will be home to the official "Making of Harry Potter" studio tour.

With more than five months to go until the tour's March 31 opening stonemasons in hard hats are busy laying the (real) flagstone floor of the Great Hall at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Even half-finished, its Gothic arches, gargoyles and huge fireplace are an impressive sight.

When it's completed, studio Warner Bros. hopes it will be, well, magic—though the spell was briefly broken when advance tickets went on sale Thursday. Many fans found an error prevented them from booking tickets on the official website. Warner Bros. blamed heavy traffic for the problem.

Movies are all about illusion, but creators of this tour are keen to stress its authenticity. The 150,000-square-foot (14,000-square-meter) site will include only authentic sets, props and costumes, on the original studio site 20 miles (30 kilometers) northwest of London.

For the movies' cast, who spent a decade working here—the younger ones growing up on set—it can still evoke powerful feelings of nostalgia.

"I get shudders down my spine every time I walk back in there," said Tom Felton, the 24-year-old actor who played Harry's Muggle-hating Hogwarts rival, Draco Malfoy. "Immediately, as soon as you go back it just fires up a decade's worth of memories.

"I remember the first time I went in there—it was on camera. (Director) Chris Columbus specifically didn't want us to see it before filming, because we were only 11-year-old kids. So, our reaction when we walked in there was pretty much genuine."

The vast Great Hall, where hundreds of Hogwarts pupils dined, celebrated, and were divided into houses by the mysterious Sorting Hat, will be the centerpiece of the tour, but there will be plenty more to delight Potter fans.

Re-erected sets will include the cupboard under the stairs where Harry was forced to sleep by his miserly relatives, the Dursleys; the imposing Ministry of Magic; headmaster Albus Dumbledore's book-lined office; and Hogwarts' classrooms, common room and a dormitory,

The tour is spread across two soundstages—stages J and K, a pleasing but accidental tribute to Harry's creator, J.K. Rowling. The existing stages here at Leavesden Studios are A through I.

As well as the sets, visitors will learn how the series' magical creatures were created in the studios' workshops, and see some of the 200 shipping containers full of props that producers have kept from the films.

The eight Potter films made here between 2000 and 2010 were a mini-industry in themselves, employing both the cream of Britain's acting talent and hundreds of craftspeople and technicians. Part of the tour's aim is to show off the behind-the-scenes skill that went into creating the spectacle.

The level of detail is impressive. Dumbledore's bookshelves are lined with individually titled books. His desk drawer opens to reveal quill-written letters and parchments that no moviegoer would ever have seen. The Weasley family kitchen will include a self-washing frying pan, enchanted knitting needles and other ingenious supernatural gadgets.

"The attention to detail and the care and the thought is breathtaking, and still is to us, even after eight films," said actor Mark Williams who played Arthur Weasley, father of Harry's best friend Ron. "You'd go on set and go, 'Bloody hell, it works!'

"I think people will be amazed about what was created as a physical prop rather than fixed later in the computer," added Warwick Davis, who played Hogwarts charms master Prof. Filius Flitwick and the goblin Griphook.

"Certainly for me, the filming experience on these was quite different to the work I'd done on 'Star Wars,' in the sense that stuff was here and real," said Davis, who appeared in both "Return of the Jedi" and "The Phantom Menace."

"George Lucas would've built the first six feet of wall and left the rest to the computer."

Filming on the final Potter movie, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," finished last year, and it was released in July, to a global wave of emotion from fans. The studio tour is a way to keep the Harry Potter machine running—but to be a success, it must avoid feeling like a cynical cash-in.

"I hope people will come on the sets and feel the warmth on the sets, and the experiences that have been here," said Bonnie Wright, who played Ginny Weasley in the films. "They're really lived in, all the sets. They don't feel just like a studio, they do feel like a world."

It will also be a working movie studio. The facility—for years a ramshackle collection of aging buildings and temporary structures on the site of a former aircraft factory—is being turned into Warner Bros' British base. The company says it will be the biggest studio complex in Europe when it opens next year.

Many people feared the end of the Potter series would bring job losses in Britain's movie industry, but Warner Bros.' investment—which will make it the only U.S. studio with a permanent base in Britain—should bring a big boost.

"It's lovely to see the redevelopment," Davis said. "I just wish they'd done it before we filmed them. We spent years here in the damp and cold, and now I see these beautiful studios, with roofs."

Felton says he hopes to return one day to shoot a new film here.

"And if the work dries up," he said, "we can always come back and be tour guides."

Algerian writer Sansal wins Frankfurt peace prize

BERLIN (AP)—Algerian writer Boualem Sansal has won the top award at the annual Frankfurt Book Fair for his struggle for democracy in his homeland.

Sansal accepted the €25,000 ($35,000) Peace Prize in Frankfurt on Sunday, saying it will encourage the region's people who are trying to liberate themselves from "vicious and archaic dictatorships."

The German news agency dapd reports the author says he hopes the Arab Spring movement will eventually allow Algerians "to finally liberate themselves" and obtain a fully democratic state.

German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle congratulated Sansal, saying "may his vision of a free and democratic society in Algeria become true."

Previous winners of the Bookseller Association's annual prize include Orhan Pamuk, Vaclav Havel and Susan Sontag.

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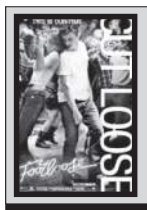

Footloose
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Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:25
Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough
Mucical, Drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
Hustle & Flow director Craig Brewer takes the helm for this remake of the popular 1984 musical romance about a big-city teen who moves to a town that has outlawed dancing. Uprooted from Boston and reluctantly transplanted to the small Bible Belt town of Bomont, Ren MacCormack (Kenny Wormald) finds himself in a repressed community still reeling from a devastating loss. Shortly before he arrived in Bomont, five local teens perished in a tragic car accident following a local dance. As a result, the upstanding Reverend Shaw Moore (Dennis Quaid) and the local councilmen passed a strict ordinance outlawing both dancing and excessively loud music.

The Thing
Friday 4:20 7:20 9:40
Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:40
Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20
Mon thru Thurs 4:20 7:20
Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ulrich Thomsen
Science fiction, Horror • Rated R

Synopsis
An American paleontologist and a team of Norwegian scientists fight for their lives against a shape-shifting extraterrestrial that can perfectly mimic any living creature in this prequel to John Carpenter's 1982 horror classic. Upon receiving word that the Antarctic research team has unearthed an alien craft, paleontologist Kate Lloyd (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) joins the group to explore what secrets the ship might hold. Though by Kate's estimation the creature inside the spaceship has been dead for centuries, it has actually just been lying dormant in the ice. Perfectly preserved, it has awaited the day when it would finally be freed from its frigid prison; now, after eons of lying in wait, that day has finally come.

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Real Steel
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Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:00
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
Mon thru Thurs 4:30 7:30
Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo
Science fiction/Drama • Rated PG 13

Dolphin Tales
Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Mon thru Thurs 4:00 7:00
Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd
Children's/family • Rated PG

Dream House
Friday 4:05 7:05 9:35
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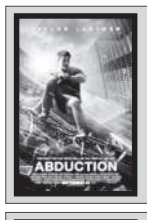
Daniel Craig, Naomi Watts
Thriller • Rated PG 13



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Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15
Taylor Lautner, Alfred Molina
Thriller • Rated PG 13

Killer Elite
Friday 4:10 7:10 9:45
Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:45
Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10
Mon thru Thurs 4:10 7:10
Robert De Niro, Clive Owen, Jason Statham
Action • Rated R

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Friend who threatens suicide has tragic example in her past

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I have a dear friend, "Angie," who lost her father to suicide several years ago. Whenever life throws her a curveball, she talks about "ending it all." This bothers me tremendously because I went through the heartache and distress with her when her father took his life.

Angie has a loving family—mother, sister, beautiful children and a boyfriend. I, on the other hand, am completely alone, yet I muddle along without threatening suicide at every bump in life.

How can I get my friend to stop and realize how lucky she is to have such a wonderful support system when there are those of us who have no one—yet we find the strength to carry on?

NOT GIVING UP IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR NOT GIVING UP: You can't, although I'm sure you have tried. You have inner resources that it appears Angie does not. However, if a friend of mine whose relative had committed suicide told me repeatedly that she was considering doing the same, I would report it to her family and urge them to see that she got professional help. That's what you should do, in case depression and suicidal impulses run in her family, as is sometimes the case.

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DEAR ABBY: I appreciate frugality, especially now that we all have to watch our spending. However, my neighbor is incredibly frugal. She often asks if she can "borrow" something instead of buying whatever it is she needs.

Her latest request was for socks—yes, socks!—for her daughter's dance recital. I put socks in the same category as underwear, something a little too personal to be lending out. Before that, it was leggings, a CD—the list goes on and on. She always returns the items, but enough is enough!

I work, she doesn't. I feel as though I'm expected to provide for them because I have a job. I don't know if I should say anything to her about her constant borrowing or simply say "no" to all future requests, which, of course, there will be. Please share your thoughts.

WHAT NEXT?

DEAR WHAT NEXT?: If your neighbor isn't working because she chooses not to, then say no. If she's not working because she hasn't been able to find a job—a circumstance in which millions of people in this country find themselves—then treat her as you would want to be treated if you were in her shoes.

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DEAR ABBY: My father, who is happily married to his third wife, recently came across some photos of his first wedding to my mother in 1961. Apparently, the walk down memory lane didn't stop there for him. He asked his wife, who evidently agreed, if he could have a party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this event.

I am appalled and kind of nauseated by the thought. Do you think I'm overreacting? I have considered refusing the invitation. Should I just suck it up, or tell my father I think the idea is narcissistic, insensitive and foolish?

SICK TO MY STOMACH

DEAR SICK TO MY STOMACH: Your question is a first. Why your father would consider throwing a golden anniversary party to celebrate a marriage that turned to lead and "sank" is mystifying. Equally so is his current wife's willingness to go along with it.

While you and I might consider his idea to be ill-conceived, resist the urge to indulge in name-calling. Let him hear from others that the idea is narcissistic, insensitive and foolish. And, by the way, you are not obligated to accept every invitation you receive.

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Gaga channels Marilyn Monroe at Clinton's concert

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lady Gaga enjoyed her "first real Marilyn moment" with former President Bill Clinton.

The envelope-pushing pop superstar was one of several musicians who performed Saturday night at the Hollywood Bowl during a concert celebrating the 10th anniversary of Clinton's foundation, which has sought to improve global health, strengthen economies worldwide, promote healthier childhoods and protect the environment for the past decade.

"I always wanted to have one, and I was hoping that it didn't involve pills and a strand of pearls," she joked.

Emerging from atop an all-white treehouse, Lady Gaga sported a wavy blonde 'do and red lips like Marilyn Monroe, who famously crooned "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" to President John F. Kennedy in 1962. Lady Gaga similarly serenaded Clinton and changed several of her lyrics to reference him, including swapping the title of "Bad Romance" for "Bill Romance."

"I thought, 'My God. I get Lady Gaga, and I will have a heart attack celebrating my 65th birthday," Clinton later said.

Clinton, who turned 65 on Aug. 19 but celebrated his birthday at a posh Hollywood party Friday night, sat between wife Hillary and daughter Chelsea in the front row throughout Saturday's event at the outdoor venue set against the Hollywood Hills. Other famous attendees included Maria Bello, Ashton Kutcher, Jason Segel, Ellen DeGeneres, Colin Farrell and Chevy Chase. "I am the only person in history who got to be President and then had a post-presidential birthday party attended by both Lady Gaga and the Secretary of State," Clinton joked on stage. "I want to thank Hillary because we met 40 years ago this year. When I met her, she was already doing the kind of work you see here long before it was cool."

Ticket prices for "A Decade of Difference: A Concert Celebrating 10 Years of the William J. Clinton Foundation," which was streamed live on Yahoo.com, ranged from $50 to $550. Other performers included Motown legend Stevie Wonder, country star Kenny Chesney, Somali rapper K'Naan, Colombian crooner Juanes and R&B singer Usher.

Usher kicked off his performance with a take on Joe Cocker's rendition of the Beatles classic "With a Little Help From My Friends" before launching into his hits "Yeah" and "OMG." The R&B singer accidently split his pant legs while dancing to reveal his bare left leg. The wardrobe malfunction didn't stop Usher, who continued with his routine, telling the crowd: "I work hard."

Bono and The Edge of U2 closed the concert with a mostly acoustic set that included such tunes as "Desire," "One" and "Sunday Bloody Sunday," which Bono sang directly to Clinton. The duo—who were accompanied by a string quartet and Edge's laptop—closed with "Miss Sarajevo." Bono tackled the operatic part of the tune originally sung by the late Luciano Pavarotti.

Clinton himself is no stranger to performing. The saxophone-playing politician memorably belted out "Heartbreak Hotel" when he visited Arsenio Hall's show during his 1992 presidential campaign. Clinton didn't pick up the instrument Saturday night, despite a plea from Lady Gaga, who informed him: "I wish you were playing sax with me tonight, baby."

AP

Former president Bill Clinton speaks at the "A Decade of Difference" concert at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011.

Pee Wee, Potter, Vader honored at Scream Awards

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP)—Heroes and villains from the worlds of horror, fantasy and sci-fi shared the stage at Spike TVs annual Scream Awards.

More television event than traditional awards ceremony, the Scream Awards were presented in an amphitheater built on the Universal Studios backlot just for the occasion.

The Saturday night show was as much about how the awards were presented as who got them, but for starters, the top honorees were Harry Potter, Darth Vader, Nicolas Cage, Pee Wee Herman and Robert Downey, Jr.

Resembling a psychedelic circus, one side of the stage was a life-sized dollhouse populated by costumed characters, the other a staircase topped by a giant keyhole, and in the middle was a lake that lit up with fire.

Fans picked the night's winners and also filled the makeshift theater for the 2 1/2 -hour presentation, which is set to air Tuesday as a two-hour special on Spike TV and VH1.

The show literally began with a scream, opening with a giant crane carrying a woman across the sky, then dropping her into the fiery lake. Blasts of fire and various stunts continued throughout the program.

Potter took the night's top prize. The eight-part film franchise was named the Ultimate Scream, which awards presenter Chloe Grace Moretz described as "the most awesome, most rocking thing that the universe has ever seen."

Audience members were given glow sticks before the winner was announced, and when "Potter" star Daniel Radcliffe accepted the prize by video from New York, fans there were waving the same lights. Co-star Ralph Fiennes, who played Lord Voldemort, also appeared by video to accept an award for favorite villain.

Vader, though, won the Ultimate Villain award. "Star Wars" creator George Lucas presented the Sith Lord with his prize.

Vader, who accepted the award personally, said he's found it difficult to concentrate on his work recently because he's constantly "living in fear of how George Lucas is going to digitally enhance you for the next DVD."

Meanwhile, Lucas announced that the first "Star Wars" film converted to 3-D will open in February. He also offered a peek at his latest project, "Red Tails," about the Tuskegee airmen.

'Real Steel,' 'Footloose' duke it out for No. 1

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The robot boxers of "Real Steel" and the dancers of "Footloose" are in a tight fight for the box-office title.

The Hugh Jackman tale about machines in the boxing ring took in $16.3 million, which would make it the No. 1 movie for the second-straight weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

But "Real Steel" came in barely ahead of the remake "Footloose," which opened with $16.1 million.

The movies are close enough that they could switch rankings once final numbers are released Monday.

Studio estimates are based on actual business Friday and Saturday and projections for Sunday based on how well similar movies typically hold up.

An executive at Disney, which is distributing "Real Steel" for DreamWorks Pictures, said he expects his movie will come out on top because of strong family crowds during day-time shows Sunday.

"Absolutely," said Dave Hollis, Disney's head of distribution. "The way we've been playing, the families who've been coming and the kind of day-time business we've had on each of the weekend days so far, we have the expectation that it won't be terribly close. They're free to estimate as they will, but we expect to be No. 1."

Paramount, which released "Footloose," was tracking its movie's revenues slightly ahead of those for "Real Steel," said Don Harris, Paramount's head of distribution.

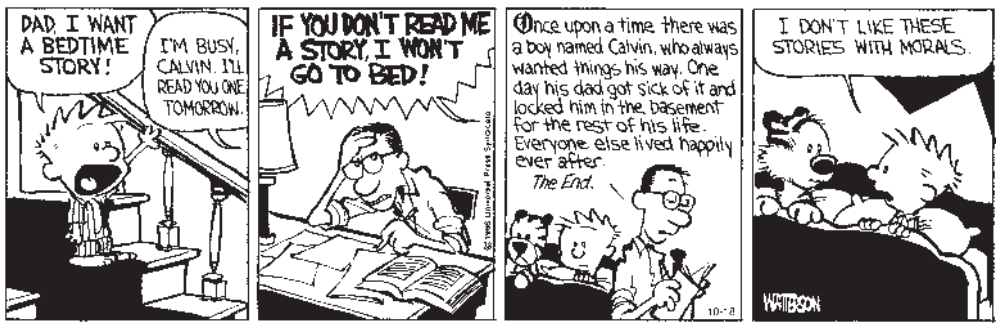
"Footloose" was doing especially strong business in the Midwest and South, and the studio had hopes that those rural crowds would turn out in big numbers Sunday, Harris said.

"It's close enough to be a dead heat at this point," Harris said. "If we get that middle of the country that seems to be preoccupied with high school football on Friday and college football on Saturday, then it bodes well not only for a big Sunday but for the legs of the movie."

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


DAD, I WANT A BEDTIME STORY!
I'M BUSY, CALVIN. I'LL READ YOU ONE TOMORROW.
IF YOU DON'T READ ME A STORY, I WON'T GO TO BED!
Once upon a time there was a boy named Calvin, who always wanted things his way. One day his dad got sick of it and locked him in the basement for the rest of his life. Everyone else lived happily ever after.
The End.
I DON'T LIKE THESE STORIES WITH MORALS.
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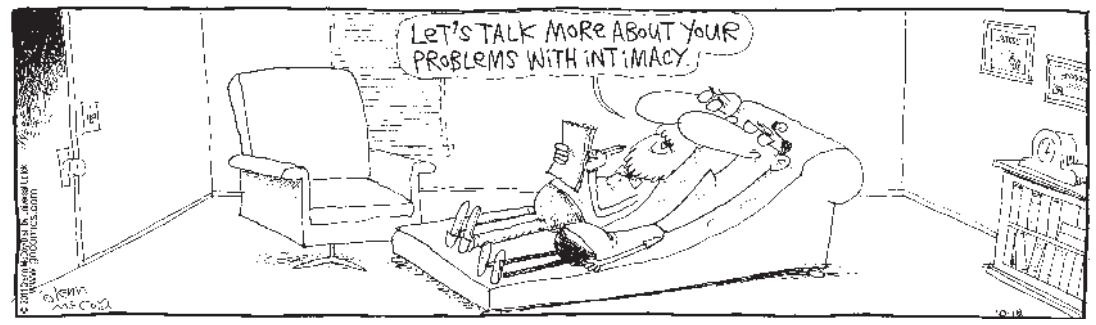
OKAY, WE'RE JUST GETTING A HOCKEY STICK, A HELMET AND SKATES... USED.
I DON'T WANT USED SKATES. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT PEOPLE DO IN THEM.
DUE TO THEIR LIMITED FUNCTIONALITY, I'D BET SKATE... ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY.
AND WHEN I WAS A KID, I WORE ALL MY BROTHERS' AND COUSINS' HAND-ME-DOWNS.
WHEN YOU WERE A KID, ICE HADN'T BEEN INVENTED YET.
HARRELL

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Creche trio
5 Antiquated
8 Pulsate
12 Right angles
13 Kids' pie filling?
14 Eastern potentate
15 Go sightseeing
16 Pose
18 Embassy employee
20 Actress Spacek
21 Historic period
22 Conclusion
23 Without pizzazz
26 Try
30 Born
31 Playwright Levin
32 — constrictor
33 Lure
36 Choir rendition
38 "Hail!"
39 Total
40 Ecru
43 "Way to go!"
47 Lawyer
49 Anger
50 Humdinger
51 Web address
52 Up to
53 Scottish garment
54 Sock part
55 "That's one small — ..."

DOWN
1 Transcending (Pref.)
2 Oodles
3 Excessive supply
4 Where Tel Aviv is
5 Nebraska city
6 Minstrel's instrument
7 Banned pesticide
8 Happen as if by fate
9 Flightless flock
10 Lends a hand
11 Deuce defeater
17 "— It Romantic?"
19 Weep
22 Greek H
23 "CSI" evidence
24 Pensioned (Abbr.)
25 Nevertheless
26 Illustrations
27 Degree for a CEO
28 D.C. figure
29 53-Across wearer's hat
31 Lemieux milieu
34 Spicy stew
35 Maintain
36 Deposit
37 Intellect
39 Fashion
40 Abruptly refuse
41 Needle case
42 "— be OK"
43 Re planes and such
44 Fisherman's enticement
45 Look lasciviously
46 Shrill bark
48 Eccentric

Solution time: 21 mins.

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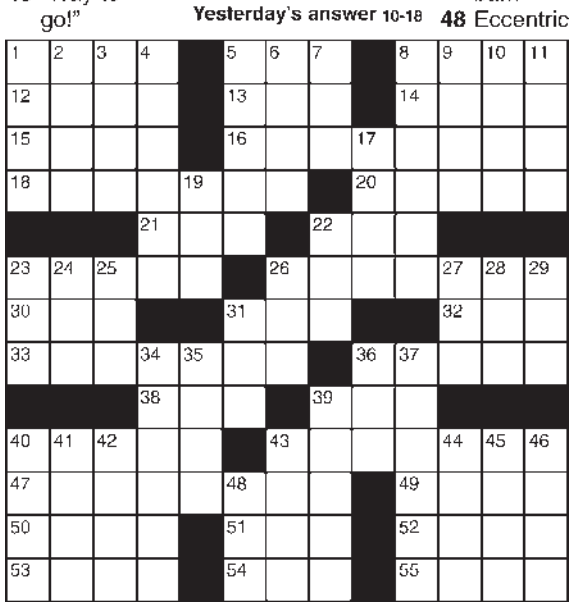

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Zac Efron, 24; Freida Pinto, 27; Wynton Marsalis, 50; Jean-Claude Van Damme, 51.

Happy Birthday: Drastic measures will arouse emotions and cloud issues, making it impossible to move forward. Offer kindness, compassion and concern and you will discover that you are not alone in your attempts to make your life and the lives of others better. Moving one step at a time will pay off. Your numbers are 4, 11, 20, 24, 28, 33, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Trouble is brewing at home and with family. Listen to what's being said. A valid point can make a difference to the outcome of an important decision you have to make. Don't let someone from your past confuse you about your future. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Associate with people who share your interests and you will form a workable partnership that can lead to greater financial opportunity and incentives. A personal service you offer someone will lead to a better relationship. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Listen carefully and learn. Let your findings help you develop an idea that is marketable or can improve your chances of getting a better job. Something or someone from your past will help you make the right choice now. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You'll have trouble containing your emotions. Let your feelings be known and don't hesitate to make a move romantically that can change your life. Don't wait to see what others do. Taking action will demonstrate that you mean business. Favors will be granted. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Let others make mistakes. It's not up to you to cover for everyone else. Focus on having some fun and altering your life to suit your needs. Personal changes will pay off and bring you greater opportunity to concentrate on what's important to you. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You will have the opportunity to break new ground if you discuss your intentions and share future plans with someone. Financial assistance is attainable for something you want to do, if you are willing to share the returns. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't let depression set in when it's vital to keep moving. Stop worrying and start doing. You cannot change the past, but you can alter the future. Avoid people who bully in order to advance. Use intelligence, know-how and discipline to prosper. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Make your move. Stop fixing and fussing and start showing off what you've accomplished. Don't fear failure or success. What counts is that you try and keep trying. There is a shift taking place in the way you think. Make it work for you. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): What you do for others' benefit will pay off. Social networking will open a door to new contractual opportunities. A group you join will adopt one of your creative ideas. Do what works for you and others will follow your lead. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): A partnership will influence the outcome of a professional deal you are working towards. Don't let someone's negativity rain on your parade. Love is in the stars, and a romantic evening to celebrate your gains should be on your agenda. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Put money into something that shows growth potential. Spending on friends, travel or items that promise the impossible will lead to disappointment. Take direction from someone experienced who also has a vested interest in your success. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You've got what it takes to achieve professionally and financially. Contracts and legal matters will turn out in your favor. Romance is looking good, and sharing your success will enhance your relationship. Someone from your past will play an important role in your future. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive and compassionate. You are intense, dedicated and courageous.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 10/18

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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1-General Maintenance, $5.05 per hour. No phone calls please Mail resume to Matilde Fejeran at PO Box 502418, Saipan, MP 96950

1-Accountant, $5.05-$6.50 per hour Mail resume to RR & Associates at PO Box 504039, Saipan, MP 96950 or call (670) 233-8391

ASC Construction is looking for 1-Project Manager-$16.92/hr.-$17.00/hr. Must have Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. Min. 10 years experience as Project Manager. Mail resume to PMB 885 Box 10001, Saipan MP 96950. No phone calls please

EMPLOYMENT

1-Waitress, $5.05/hr., must have 5 yrs. experience, pleasing personality, knows how to entertain customers, flexible work schedule. Call D' Pirates Bar & Catering Services @ 235-3663.

1-Aircon Technician, $5.05-$7.00/hr., 10yrs. experience, knowledge in centralized aircon & industrial electricity, will work day or night. Call T&G Aircon & Refrigeration Services @ 888-9161.

1-Maintenance, $5.05/hr., 5 yrs. experience, willing to work day or night. Call Nokalimi Office Rental @ 888-9161.

1-Accountant, $5.05/hr., 7 yrs. experience, knowledge in Quickbooks software. Call T&G Aircon & Refrigeration Services @ 888-9161.

1 – Beautician $ 5.05/hr. 2 yrs. exp. Send resume to E & M Beauty Salon P.O. Box 484 San Jose Tinian MP 96952. Tel. 433-4560

S.K.Y. Inc. is looking for (1) Japanese/English Translator $ 6.00/hr. 5 yrs. exp. Send resume to iikaori330@yahoo.co.jp

USG Investments, Inc. is looking for (1) Ground Maintenance - $.5.55/hr. min. 5 yrs. exp. E-mail resume to jessp96950mm@yahoo.com

MAC Corporation is looking for (1) Tint Installer-$5.05/hr. 10 yrs. exp. E-mail

EMPLOYMENT

phone calls please

1 Architect. Degree required. 5 yrs exp. Utility residential design ACAD v2011. Send resume to P.O. Box 505339

1-Commercial cleaner $5.05/hr. min. of 5 yrs. experience. Send resume to P.O.Box 5545 CHRB Saipan. JH Ent.

3-Cooks, $5.05 /hr., 5 yrs. experience, will work at 3:00 AM. Call D' Pirates Bar & Catering Services @ 235-3663.

EMPLOYMENT

resume to maccation@gmail.com

1 Accountant, Salary $5.05-$7.00/hr. Bachelors Degree in Accounting w/ 5 years experience. Knowledgeable with AccountEdge Premium Accounting Software. Allied Marine Surveyors, Ltd. Email resume to allied@pticom.com

5 Technician, College Graduate 3 yrs. min experience. Minimum salary. Know how to repair computer, electronics, engine.
Calvatron JR 233-5641

8 Masseuse–Royal Thai Massage. 1 yr experience, green card or US citizen preferred pls call 234-2521

(1) Title Support Specialist. Send resume to SECURITY TITLE INC PO Box 5049 CHRB, Saipan MP 96950 or email: securitytitle@pticom.com

Sales Rep. $5.05 p/h. At least 2 yrs exp; Must provide own car; can work on weekends & holidays. Yoyi's Catering. 2883738

Cook. $5.05 p/hr. w/ 2 yrs exp, specializes in Fil recipes; Can work on weekends, nights, holidays. Yoyi's Catering. 2883738

Manager. College grad; At least 3 yrs exp; knows MS Word/Excel; Can wrk weekends, nights, holidays. Yoyi's Catering. 2883738

2 Mandarin Teachers–w/ 2 yrs experience. Pls call 233-3988. Chinese Association of Saipan. Chinese Education Center

1-Violin Instructor. 5 years experience. Doremi Music School. Tel: 233-7777

(13) Mason, (5) Carpenter, (1) Plumber. 5 years experience. Email resume to landmark@pticom.com

Anaks Resort Development. Inc. is in need of : 1-Office Manager. Minimum of 5 years experience in Property Management. 1-Maintenance Mechanic, 1-Plumber, 1-Electrician,

EMPLOYMENT

1-Commercial Cleaner. Minimum of 5 years experience. Email resume to anaks.office@gmail.com

United Front Co., Ltd. is looking for the ff: 1-Manager, 1-Scuba Diving Instructor, 1-Mechanic. Must be PADI Certified. Minimum of 5 years experience. Email resume to unifrocolt@yahoo.com

Marianas Resort Development Co., Inc. is looking for1-Office Manager, Min. 5 years experience. E-mail resume to covalee12@yahoo.com

U.S. Saipan-China Hotel Co., Ltd. is looking for 1-Operations Manager, 1-Tour Coordinator. Min. 2 years experience in hotel business. E-mail resume to usschotelcolt@yahoo.com

Flower Corporation is looking for 1-Scuba Diving Operations Manager. 1-Scuba Diving Instructor. Must be PADI Certified Min. 5 years experience. E-mail resume to corporation.flower@gmail.com

4JC Corporation needs:
(1) Accountant. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Min. 5 yrs work exp in Financial Statements preparation. Knowledge of PIII Acctg software Salary $5.05–13.50/hr.

(2) Press Operators –min. 5 years work experience in operating press machines can work under pressure to meet deadline

(1) Graphic Designer–min 5 years experience in Printing and Advertising Company; Knowledge in graphics and visual display software.
E-mail resume to immanuel.saipan@gmail.com

Dipoto Co. is looking for: 4 Photographers - 3 years experience: 1 Manager - 5 years experience. Email resume to dipoto@naver.com

(1) Interior Designer, (2) Mason, (2) Carpenter, (2) Commercial Cleaner. Send resume to JAR Design Construction PMB 2025 Box 10001, Saipan MP 96950.

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Job Announcement

Sales Operation Manager - $5.05 to $6.70/hr
10 years continued experience with Bachelor's Degree in Sales & marketing. Must have extensive knowledge on consumer products, sales & promotional planning, inventory & budget control and product importation. Must have the ability to handle overall operations of wholesale business. Proficiency in Microsoft Word programs & wholesale software system is a must. Must be available to work anytime needed.

Sales Officer - $5.05 to $5.30/hr
High School graduate or an Associate degree holder with at least 10 years continued selling experience. Must have own reliable transportation. Ability to meet monthly sales target and must have extensive contacts in various industries. Must have extensive knowledge in Japanese and Korean products. Proficiency in Microsoft Word programs & wholesale software system is a must. Must be available to work on weekends and holidays.

Purchasing Agent- $5.05 to $5.30/hr
High School graduate or an Associate degree holder with at least 5 years of experience. Extensive knowledge in wholesale operation, ordering, planning, shipment. Extensive knowledge in Japanese and Korean products, preferred. Proficiency in Korean/Japanese speaking is advantage. Knowledgeable in Microsoft word programs & wholesale software system.

Building Repair & Maintenance / Warehouse worker- $5.05 to $5.30/hr
High school graduate or equivalent with at least 5-7 years experience. Must have extensive knowledge and experience in electrical, refrigeration, carpentry work. Familiar with picking, stacking and releasing of merchandize. Must be able to do some strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of items. Must know how to operate pallet jack and forklift equipments. Must be available to work on weekends and holidays.

Interested applicants submit resume and police clearance at Alpex Saipan Inc.
office, across San Antonio Chuch, San Antonio Village. For application to be considered should be sent not later than Oct 25, 2011.

Job Announcement

Automotive Service Technician and Mechanics - $5.05 to $5.55/hr
5-7 years continued experience.
Knowledgeable in general repair and replacement services to include: truing rotors and drums, disc drums and brakes, wheel alignment, struts and suspension, engine performance (tune-up), fuel systems, cruise control, sound systems, exhaust systems, fluid and filter service, heating and cooling systems, air conditioning systems, drive train/U-joint service, front wheel drive/constant velocity joints and specialty installations.

Supervisor of Mechanics Installer & Repairer - $5.05 to $6.15/hr
10 years continued experience. 4-year degree graduate, preferred. Knowledgeable in general repair of vehicles/trucks. General knowledge Proficient in estimating and quoting jobs and diagnosing mechanical problems at all stages. Demonstrated proficiency in supervising and motivating subordinates. Excellent written and oral communication.

Four Wheel Alignment Technician - $5.05 to $5.90/hr
10 years continued experience. Heshbon HA710 Series Computer Alignment, preferred. Specialize in performing wheel Alignments and adjustment on medium and heavy duty vehicles. Comprehensive understanding of vehicle performance & under-body diagnosis, and knowledge of brake system, steering, suspension. Promote tire sales, provide technical service, repairs and diagnose tire wear.

Accountant/Bookkeeper- $5.05 to $7.25/hr
7 years accounting experience. Bachelors degree, preferred. Proficient in Quickbooks /Peachtree software. Must have excellent communication, organizational and self management skills.

Interested applicants submit resume and police clearance at D & W Saipan Inc.
office , 2nd floor of Highway Express Building middle Road. For application to be considered should be sent not later than Oct 25, 2011.

Job Announcement

Maintenance Supervisor- $5.05 to $6.65/hr
10 years continued experience. Extensive knowledge in building inspection, repair safety measures and waste management. Ability to handle tenants maintenance request (electrical, plumbing, mechanical, carpentry). Knowledgeable in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws. Knowledgeable in electrical system installation in accordance with NEC and local government standards.

Building Repairs and maintenance (2)- $5.05 to $5.15/hr
5-7 years continued experience. Perform maintenance and repair jobs on buildings, knowledge in carpentry, plumbing, masonry and yard work.

Houseworker- $5.05
5 years experience. Honest, trustworthy, hardworking and follow instructions well. Can perform housework and cook Korean meals. Preferably Korean speaking.

Interested applicants submit resume and police clearance at HS Lee Construction Office, 2nd floor of Highway Express Building middle Road. For application to be considered should be sent not later than Oct 25, 2011.

ST. JUDE RENAL CARE FACILITY, INC.

(2) BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIR ($5.05 to $7.00 per hour)
- Performs a variety of preventive maintenance and repair tasks on the facilities equipment, including some of the more complex repair tasks.
- Performs preventive maintenance and makes routine repairs to electrical, plumbing, security systems, solar panel maintenance and construction with solectria inverter experience.
- Performs rough and finish carpentry work and takes the lead on projects such as building and paneling walls and partitions.
- Maintains and repairs various equipment
- High school graduate or equivalent
- Prefer skills training in electrical, plumbing and other building trades areas
- Extensive work experience with hemodialysis/maintenance/plumbing & construction is required.
- Must have a valid driver's license.

(2) HOUSEKEEPER ($5.05 TO $6.00 per hour)
- Operates various mechanized cleaning equipment, such as vacuums, polishers, buffers, etc.
- Maintain facility in a sanitary and infection-free condition through washing, cleaning and replacement of equipment and furnishings.
- Requires working in damp, dusty and dirty areas. Must clean up human waste and other body fluids, as required.
- Responsible for disposal of trash, waste, and other disposable materials.
- Must handle various cleaning solvents, chemical, etc.
- Damp dust furniture, light fixtures, window, etc.
- Empty trash containers daily.
- Wet mop floors and bathrooms daily. Damp mop all corridor floors, lobby and others daily.
- Report any needed repairs immediately.
- Check entire area for spills, water, etc., periodically, especially in patients' area and lobby.
- Use safety precautions in all housekeeping services.
- Must be able to work flexible hours
- Must have own transportation
- Is required to clean employee's housing prior to and post occupancy.
- Is required to maintain and clean in an orderly manner the Business, Dr's., Accounting, Dietician and Clinic Manager's Offices.

Interested applicants must submit an application or resume to St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc., dba Saipan Health Clinic in Chalan Kiya, Saipan or for information, please call 234-2902 and ask for Connie Aldan or Judy Arriola.

SN FIVE INCORPORATED - JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: October 18, 2011 / Closing Date: October 28, 2011

1 CIVIL ENGINEER ($5.05 / hour)
- Must have a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineer
- Utilize the AutoCad software for preparation of Multi-discipline Design such as Architectural Plan, Structural Plan, Civil Work Plan, Electrical Plan, and Plumbing/Sanitary Plan independently or without help under limited time frame.
- Must be certified on the following: Occupational Safety and Health Administration "OSHA", Community Emergency Response Team, Hazardous Waste Operation and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER), Handling and Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Structural Pest Control Applicator, Soil Percolation Tester, and Water Treatment Plant Operator.
- Must have at least 5 years of Professional Experience

2 STEVEDORE SUPERVISOR ($5.05 / hour)
- Must be certified on the following: Community Emergency Response Team, and Handling and Transportation of Hazardous Materials
- Must have background on shipping business
- Must be computer literate
- Must have at least 5 years of Supervisory Experience

2 DIESEL MARINE ENGINE MECHANIC ($5.05 / hour)
- Must posses a PANAMA LICENSE to operate a 56 LCM Landing cargo boat from Tinian to Saipan/return
- Must be certified in handling and transportation of hazardous materials and certified in community emergency response team
- Must be able to maintain and fix any and all problems related to the engine and crane of the cargo ship
- Must have at least 5 years of experience as Diesel Marine Engine Mechanic

1 MECHANIC ($5.05 / hour)
- Must be able to repair small engine, car, and boom truck and maintenance
- Must have a least 5 years of experience as Mechanic

2 STEVEDORE ($5.05 / hour)
- Must be knowledgeable in navigational charts and tide tables
- Must be certified in handling and transportation of hazardous materials and certified in community emergency response team
- Must have a least 5 years of experience as Stevedore

1 MASON ($5.05 / hour)
- Must have at least 5 years of masonry experience.
- Must be able to work flexible hours

1 FARMER ($5.05 / hour)
- Must have at least 5 years of farming experience and production of local charcoal.

1 COMBINED FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVING WORKER ($5.05 / hour)
- Must have at least 5 years of experience in food preparation, cooking and serving

1 HOUSEWORKER ($5.05 / hour)
- Must have at least 5 years of experience as House worker.
- Must be able to work flexible hours.

Applicants must submit drug test results and a copy of police clearance.
Interested applicants can send their resume to sn5incorporated.tiq@gmail.com

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

AUDITOR
Opening: October 12, 2011 to October 22, 2011

Job description: Duties include performing audit risk assessment procedures; performing test of internal controls related to financial statement audit in accordance with GAAP in the US and compliance audits in accordance with the applicable standards; performing detailed substantive audit procedures; preparing draft Audit Reports and Financial Statements; and performing compilation, review and agreed-upon procedure engagements.

Qualification: Graduate of BS Accountancy or related degrees, with at least 3 years experience in auditing private, government and not-for-profit organization. **Salary:** $26,500 per annum

Interested applicants may fax their resume at J. Scott Magliari & Co at 670-233-8214 or email at jsm@magliari-cpa.com on or before October 22, 2011.

WUSHIN CORPORATION

P.O. Box 500440, Saipan, MP 96950 • Tel: 322-7415/8733

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1-LPG Equipment/Tanker Mechanic
Salary: $ 5.05 - $ 5.95 per hour, Full time
- Must have 7 years experience in the relevant field
- Repair LPG equipment and LPG tanker truck
- Ability in following safety practices, and recognizing and eliminating hazards and knowledge in established LPG Plant procedures and standards.
- Training is required in Hazardous Materials, HAZWOPER and other Safety training
- Commercial Drivers License certificates is required

1-LPG Tank Truck Driver
Salary: $ 5.05 - $ 5.55 per hour, Full time
- Must have 7 years experience as LPG Tank Truck Driver
- Knowledge to operate and load LPG at filling rack and read gauges or meters
- Training is required in Hazardous Material Transportation
- Familiarization in hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard materials/Dangerous Goods)
- Commercial Drivers License certificates is required

1-LPG Maintenance Technician
Salary: $ 5.05 - $ 5.55 per hour, Full time
- Must have 7 years experience in the relevant field
- Ability to perform LPG equipment installation and monitoring of loading/offloading of LPG from isotainer to LPG storage tank
- Training is required in Hazardous Material Transportation
- Familiarization in hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard materials/Dangerous Goods)
- Commercial Drivers License certificates is required

1 Accountant/Bookkeeper
Salary: $ 5.05 - $ 5.85 per hour, Full time
- Must have 5 years work related experience
- Familiar with LPG business activities
- Knowledge in Peachtree/Quickbooks software

1 PRIVATE HOUSE HOLD
Minimum of 5-10 yrs experience
$ 5.05/hr

Bespren Development Corp,
dba Carefree Services
Please contact Rudy at 233-6927

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

3-Beautician (all around)
$ 5.05/hr

1-Supervisor Beautician
(all around)
Min. 5 to 10 yrs experience
$ 5.05/hr

Bespren Development Corp,
dba Exquisite Beauty Salon
Please contact Rudy
at 233-6927

Double Luck Int'l Corp.
Vacancy Announcement
2-Pet Shop Helper
3yrs experience required. Maintain water piping & water system. Knowledge in breeding gold fishes. Take care, feed, clean, and arrange animal poultry feed.
Interested applicants please call 234-3873

Charms Inc.
Vacancy Announcement
1 Engine Machine Mechanic. 2yrs experience. To inspect, repair, replace engine and machinery.
1 Beautician. 2yrs experience. All around. Must have knowledge in all services provided in a saloon especially skin care.
1 Beautician Manager. 2yrs experience. Knowledge in Skin Care. Manage and operate the saloon.
1 Beautician/Masseuse. 2yrs experience. Knowledge in beauty & massage a plus.
Interested applicants please call 233-9391.

Grace Christian Academy
is looking for:
Accountant (2) needed:
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
5 or more years accounting in
Christian school Proficiency in
Accountrak/School Minder programs
Download application at www.gca-nmi-com and submit at Grace Christian Academy

LAW OFFICE
Vacancy Announcement:
Legal Secretary/Legal Assistant
Require:
- Valid U.S. Immigration status such as U.S. Citizen, permanent resident alien, etc
- High school graduate
- Computer literate
- Valid CNMI Driver's license
- Trustworthy, reliable, loyal to clients
- Outstanding work ethic, results oriented, fast learner, detail oriented, work effectively under deadlines and pressure

Prefer:
- Chamorro and/or Refaluwasch fluency
- Experience in the legal field
- Education beyond high school

Pay and benefits commensurate with skills, experience and performance

Please telephone 235-8846
(9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Grace Christian Assembly
is looking for:
Accountant (1)
Bachelor's degree in Accounting
5 or more years in Church Accounting
Willing to work on flexible time.
Get application at Grace Christian Assembly, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, Tuesday to Friday.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
D & W ENTERPRISES, INC
P.O. Box 500440, Saipan, MP 96950 • Tel: 322-7415/8733

1-Diesel Tank Truck Driver
Salary: $5.05 - $5.55 per hour, Full time
- Must have 7 years experience as Diesel Tank Truck Driver
- Knowledge to operate and load Diesel at filling rack and read gauges or meters
- Training is required in Hazardous Material Transportation
- Familiarization in hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard materials/Dangerous Goods)
- Commercial Drivers License certificates is required

1 Accountant/Bookkeeper
Salary: $1,000.00-$1,300.00 monthly. Full time
- Must have 5 years work related experience in accounting
- Familiar with Diesel business activities
- Knowledge in Peachtree software

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
- **Building Maintenance Repairer** Minimum 5 yrs experience (J Lee Development Corporation)
- **Accountant** Minimum 5 yrs experience in General Accounting (J Lee Investment Corporation)

Mail resume to: P.O. Box 500756 Saipan, MP 96950

1 Goldsmith/Precious Metal Worker - $5.50/hr
Minimum of 5 years experience. Must be knowledgeable in Gold & Silver Jewelry repair, fabricating Hawaiian style, gem stone setting, mounting & related work

1-Accountant - $5.05/hr
Minimum of 3-4 years experience w/ college degree. Must have a knowledge in jewelries, precious stone inventory.

Mail resume to King's Inc. P.O. Box 5050 CHRB Saipan, MP 96950 or Fax 234-8868

LC CORPORATION, INC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(1) Manager – Tour Operation.
Salary $1,800.00 p/m.
Minimum 5 years work related experience.
Korean language speaking preferred.
Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

(3) Tour & Marketing Coordinator
2 yrs working experience.
Preferably fluent in Japanese, Chinese & English (oral & written).
Interested qualified US workers must submit their application/resume with police clearance to
KENTO Enterprises, Inc.
office or email kento_ad@live.jp.
No phone calls please.

LDK, INC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(3) Arcade Attendant
Salary $5.05 p/h.
Minimum 2 years work related experience.
Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

LDK, LLC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(3) Carpenters. Salary $5.05 p/h
(1) Electrician. Salary $5.05 p/h
(1) Commercial Cleaner. Salary $5.05 p/h
2 – 5 years working experience required.
Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

www.saipantribune.com

CENTURY FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.
is inviting qualified applicants to apply for the following positions:

Business Operations Manager
Graduate of a four-year degree course with an Accounting or Financial Management major and at least 5 years of progressive financial and business management experience. Minimum of 3 years general management experience preferably in a financing or banking institution. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software and Microsoft software. Should possess a solid track record of accomplishing business objectives.

Accountant
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in a financing or commercial/credit loan business. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO and Loan Management Information Systems, MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should be sent to hrd_cfc@tanholdings.com not later than October 21, 2011.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

CHOI CORPORATION
DBA: KOREA HARDWARE
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Assistant Manager **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English, Chinese and Korean Language
College or High School Graduate w/ 10 years experience in a hardware store.
Must be computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to provide customer service by greeting, assisting and responding to inquiries and complains.
Must be able to monitor sales activities to ensure that customers receive good service and quality goods.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.

(1) Accountant **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Holders a degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce Major in Accounting. 10 years experience in the field of accounting & in a hardware store. Proficient in MS Excel and MS Word and have a valid drivers license.
Must be knowledgeable in Account Payables/Receivables, Bank Reconciliation, Payroll, Wire Transfer, Withholding Tax, FICA Tax, BGR Tax, Excise Tax and any other taxes required in a company.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.
Must be able to prepare Financial Statement Report.

(1) Electrician, Building **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
College or High School Graduate w/ 10 years experience in a field of electricity. Must be computer literate.
Must be skilled in connect wires to circuit breakers, transformers, or other components.
Must be skilled in repair or replace wiring, equipment using hand tools and power tools.
Must be able to play lay-out and installation of electrical wiring, equipment based on job specifications and local codes.

(1) Material Coordinator **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English and Korean Language
College Graduate w/10 years experience. Must be computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to coordinates activities involved with procuring goods and services such as materials, equipment, tools, parts, supplies and advertising for establishments. Must be able to confers with vendors to obtain product or service information such as price, availability and delivery schedule.
Must be able to selects products for purchase by testing, observing or examining items.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.

(1) Sales Representative **Salary:$5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English and Korean Language
College Graduate w/ 5 years experience. Computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to works for the customer satisfaction, revenue generation, and long-term account goals in line with the company vision and values. Must be able to assist in the implementation of marketing plans as needed and maintain accurate records of all sales.

Interested applicants must send resume to Fax# 235-0697
No Phone Calls Please

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Position : Accountant
Salary : $6.00 - $11.00 (DOB)
Job Description : Monitor financial ledgers and books of account; Make and prepare bank deposits; Prepare financial statements, track daily cash receipts; Use computer to track accounts and compose correspondence; Prepare payroll; Other related duties as assigned.
Qualifications : At least 10 years of experience; Must be a graduate of BS Accountancy; Must have basic knowledge in Microsoft Office, QuatroPro, , and be proficient with Abacus Totality Software to prepare collection reports.

E-mail resume to
joshuaberger711@hotmail.com

Tour company Belka Tours is announcing vacancy on 4 positions of Manager with the rate of $5.05 per hour.

Job requirements: Bachelor degree, Knowledge of the Russian tourism market, tour company operations, local hospitality industry and land operations, familiarity with specifics of a diving tourism. Language Skills: Russian - fluent oral and written, English - confident oral and written (preferably E-094 or higher). Communication skills, Computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, and Adobe Photoshop); 5 years experience in tourism industry; Licenses: driving is a must; scuba diving of any level is a plus. Must be legal to work in the CNMI.

Submit resume via e-mail
belkators@pticom.com or fax to 234-6286.

SUMY, INC.
(1) Sales Representative
Salary: $5.05/Hour
- Can speak/write English and Korean Language
- College Graduate w/ 5 years experience. Computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
- Must be able to works for the customer satisfaction, revenue generation, and long-term account goals in line with the company vision and values. Must be able to assist in the implementation of marketing plans as needed and maintain accurate records of all sales.

Interested applicants must send resume to Fax# 235-0697
No Phone Calls Please

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
1-Manager - $ 5.55/hr. Bachelor's Degree required. Minimum of 4 years experience in Indian Restaurant

3-Cooks - $ 5.05/ hr. Minimum of 4 years experience in Indian Cuisine (Tandoori & Mughlai)

3-Waitress - $ 5.05/hr. Minimum of 4 years experience. Must have knowledge on Indian Cusine

Send resume to
tasteofindiasaipan@gmail.com or bring it to Taste Of India restaurant in Middle Road.
Telephone No. 234-8448

Job Vacancy Announcement – Chong's Corp.

One (1) SALES ENGINEER - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly
- Sells HVACR mechanical, electrical and related equipment, parts, supplies with required professional engineering knowledge and judgment on product recommendation
- Prepares estimates on equipment, parts, supplies or services as needed
- Knowledgeable in Building Management System
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans & specifications and prepare shop drawing

One (1) ACCOUNTANT - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly
- Prepare tax returns, tax payments & financial reports and verify its accuracy and conformance with Standard Accounting principle
- Monitor daily transactions, prepare journal entries and record into Peachtree Accounting program
- Handle customer billings, collections, cash receipts, payment & payroll
- Knowledgeable in Peachtree Accounting program and Microsoft office
- Bachelor's degree in Accounting required

Four (4) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION - Salary $5.05 - $8.00/hr
- Install , service and repair of ventilation, central air conditioning and refrigeration systems
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT control systems and electrical/electronic control systems
- Repair and service of chilled water air conditioning system
- EPA Section 608 and R-410A Certification required

One (1) SHEET METAL WORKER - Salary $5.05 - $7.00/hr
- Fabricate, assemble, install and repair sheet metal products and equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes and furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications
- All above must possess good communication skill and minimum 10-year experience required

One (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER - Salary $5.05/hr
- Perform duties to maintain and clean office & private residence in an orderly manner
- Perform basic household chores
- Must be honest, responsible, reliable & efficient at all times and police clearance required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

Luen Fung Enterprises (Saipan), Inc.
is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the below positions.

Sales Officer (5) - High school graduate or an Associate degree holder with at least 8 years selling experience in wholesale and retail field. The qualified applicant must be able to meet monthly sales target and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Proficiency in Chinese language is an advantage. Proficiency in Microsoft Word programs & wholesale software system is a must. Valid driver's license is required.

Warehouse Manager (1) - Associate degree holder with at least 5 years management experience in wholesale warehouse operations. The qualified applicant must have extensive knowledge in the area of receiving, inventory management, quality control, storage, product handling & dispatching operations. Proficiency in Microsoft Word programs & wholesale software system is a must. Valid driver's license is required.

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Pujols, Cardinals take wild ride to World Series

MILWAUKEE (AP)—An afterthought in early September, the St. Louis Cardinals are taking their wild ride all the way to the World Series.

David Freese hit a three-run homer in the first and manager Tony La Russa turned again to his brilliant bullpen for seven sturdy innings as St. Louis captured its 18th pennant with a 12-6 victory over the bumbling Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday night.

Albert Pujols and the wild-card Cardinals took out the heavily favored Phillies in the first round, then dispatched the division-rival Brewers on their own turf in Game 6 of the NL championship series.

Looking for its second title in six seasons, St. Louis opens the World Series at home Wednesday night with ace Chris Carpenter on the mound against the AL champion Texas Rangers.

"I mean, you could have never known," Pujols said.

Trailing by 10 1/2 games in the wild-card race on Aug. 25, the Cardinals surged down the stretch and took advantage of a monumental collapse by Atlanta to win a playoff spot on the final night of the regular season.

Now, bolstered by a group of no-name relievers who keep answering La Russa's call, the Cardinals are back in the World Series for the first time since beating Detroit in 2006.

What a relief!

"Well, it was crazy," outfielder Matt Holliday said. "We had a lot of adversity, but we found a way."

It was a disappointing end to a scintillating season for Prince Fielder, Ryan Braun and the NL Central champion Brewers, who finished with a franchise-record 96 wins, six games ahead of St. Louis.

Baseball's best home team collapsed in the NLCS, though, losing twice at Miller Park in an error-filled flop. It was likely Fielder's final game with the Brewers, too. He can become a free agent after the season.

Rafael Furcal and Pujols hit solo homers off Chris Narveson and St. Louis built a 9-4 lead by the time the bullpen took over for Edwin Jackson in the third inning.

The group of Fernando Salas, Marc Rzepczynski, Octavio Dotel, Lance Lynn and Jason Motte allowed two runs the rest of the way. For the series, St. Louis relievers finished 3-0 with a 1.88 ERA over 28 2-3 innings.

The biggest scare came when Pujols appeared shaken up after tagging out Braun in the fifth inning when he fell hard on his right forearm on a close play at first base. The three-time MVP was slow to get up, but stayed in the game.

St. Louis went 15-5 over the final 20 games to clinch a playoff spot on the final day of the regular season. The Cardinals needed Carpenter to throw a shutout to beat the Phillies 1-0 in Game 5 of the NLDS, but took control of this series beginning in Game 2 by jumping out to early leads and letting their bullpen lead the way.

La Russa called on his relievers 28 times in the NLCS and Jackson's start was the shortest of the postseason for the Cardinals rotation, which finished the NLCS with a 7.66 ERA. St. Louis became the first team to win a postseason series without a starter reaching the sixth inning, according to STATS LLC.

Picked as the NLCS MVP, Freese gave others credit.

"I wish we could make eight or nine of these and give them to our bullpen. They're the reason why we won this series," he said.

Corey Hart, Rickie Weeks and Jonathan Lucroy all homered for the Brewers, who won a major league-most 57 times at Miller Park this season and four straight in the postseason before losing Game 2 to the Cardinals.

It was the two ugly defensive performances that will likely linger for Milwaukee, which committed four errors in a 7-1 loss in Game 5 and added three more in Game 6.

"You can't get away with mistakes to them and we made way too many mistakes," Brewers manager Ron Roenicke said.

The Brewers' biggest hitters - Braun, Fielder and Weeks—finished 1 for 12. Fielder, the All-Star game MVP and the reason St. Louis will start at home on Wednesday, received a standing ovation in his final at-bat in the eighth. He grounded out and slowly walked back to the dugout with his head down.

Struggling starter Shaun Marcum never really gave Milwaukee a chance and was hurt by defensive plays that weren't ruled errors.

In the first, Jon Jay singled with one out and stole second when Weeks couldn't hold onto Lucroy's throw. Marcum believed he had strike three on Pujols, who ended up walking.

Lance Berkman singled for the second time in 18 career at-bats against Marcum to drive in the first run, and center fielder Nyjer Morgan made an ill-advised throw to third, with Pujols moving from first to third, that let Berkman advance.

Marcum saved a run by grabbing Matt Holliday's grounder and flipping it out of his glove to Lucroy to get Pujols at the plate, but Freese homered on the next pitch to make it 4-0 and extend his postseason hitting streak to 10 games.

Marcum finished the first, ending his postseason 0-3 with a 14.90 ERA.

Furcal homered off Chris Narveson with two outs in the second and Pujols followed with a drive to left field to give St. Louis a 6-4 lead.

Holliday then singled, Freese doubled and the Brewers intentionally walked Yadier Molina with one out. Nick Punto hit a sacrifice fly and pinch-hitter Allen Craig singled in two more runs off LaTroy Hawkins to make it 9-4.

Yuniesky Betancourt's RBI double in the fourth cut the lead to 9-5, but Milwaukee fell apart in the fifth with three errors in a span of two plays.

First, Hart bobbled Freese's single in right field, allowing Holliday to reach third.

Holliday scored on the next play when third baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. committed two errors. First, he booted Molina's grounder and then flipped the ball out of his glove through Weeks' legs at second.

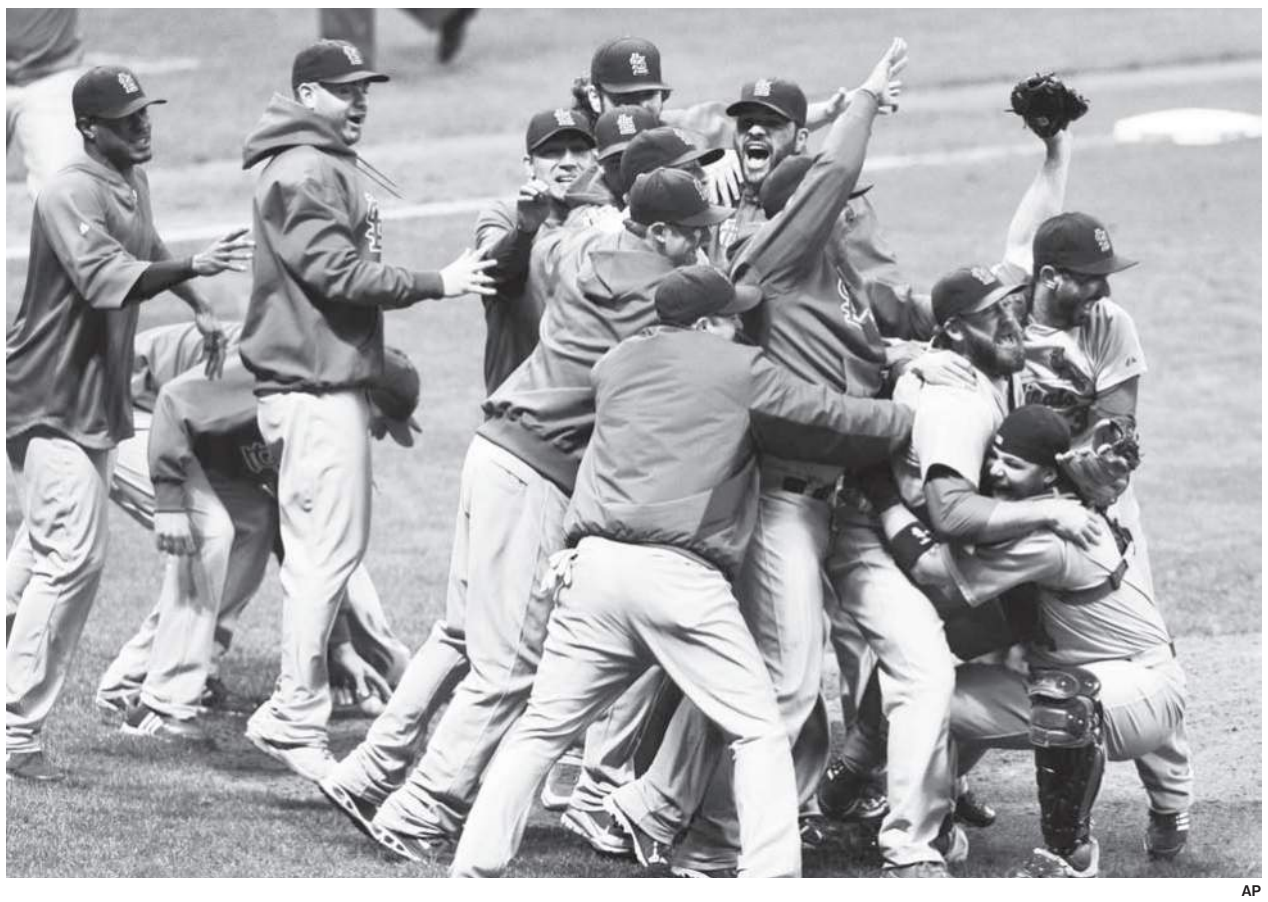
Pinch-hitter Adron Chambers' sacrifice fly gave St. Louis an 11-5 lead in the fifth. In the bottom of the inning, Braun's groundout cut the lead to 11-6, but the focus was on Pujols when he was slow to get up.

La Russa came out to check on his star, who gripped his right forearm and had a brief limp, but stayed in the game. He looked better, contributing a two-out RBI single in the eighth for the final margin.

Jackson allowed Hart and Weeks to lead off the first two innings with homers and Lucroy added a two-run shot to cut the lead to 5-4 after the second. St. Louis answered back with four more runs, keyed when Jackson was pulled for Craig, who delivered the two-run single.

Salas caught a break in the third when Jay made a leaping catch of Fielder's drive at the wall in right-center. Jay added another spectacular grab, crashing into the padding in the ninth with Motte on the mound.

One out later, the celebration was on.



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The St. Louis Cardinals celebrate after Game 6 of baseball's National League championship series against the Milwaukee Brewers Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, in Milwaukee.

Local boy Freese *selected* NLCS MVP *for* St. Louis

MILWAUKEE (AP)—In a lineup loaded with All-Stars, it was David Freese who all but iced the pennant for his hometown team.

Freese, who grew up in a St. Louis suburb, hit a three-run homer Sunday night and was selected MVP of the NL championship series after the Cardinals finished off the Milwaukee Brewers 12-6 in Game 6.

"I think not too many people get a chance to do this in their hometown. And it's an unbelievable feeling," Freese said. "To be a part of this team, this group of guys, this organization, means a lot. "

Part of a high-scoring offense that includes Albert Pujols, Matt Holliday and Lance Berkman, Freese went 3 for 4 with a homer in a four-run first inning that got the Cardinals rolling. It was his third home run of the series and fourth in the NL playoffs.

"That's the crazy thing about baseball. You have your ups and downs and you just keep working hard. You get hot every now and then," Freese said. "The timing was unbelievable. Honestly, I wish we could make eight or nine or however many of these and give them to our bullpen. What they did, they really deserve this award. They're why we won this series."

The 28-year-old third baseman has a 10-game postseason hitting streak as the wild-card Cardinals head home to open the World Series on Wednesday night against the AL champion Texas Rangers.

Freese also scored three times Sunday night and batted .545 (12 for 22) in the NLCS with three homers, three doubles, nine RBIs and seven runs.

His huge postseason is a local story that St. Louis fans can love: Freese lettered in baseball all four years at Lafayette High School in Wildwood, Mo., and still lives there.

After graduating from high school, he attended St. Louis Community College-Meremec before transferring to South Alabama. The Padres selected him in the ninth round of the 2006 first-year player draft.

Freese had hits in each game of the NLCS, propelling the Cardinals to their first World Series appearance since beating Detroit in 2006. He had a single, double and homer in the Game 6 clincher.

St. Louis was 10 1/2 games out in the wild card race on Aug. 25 but went on a head-turning run in the final month to overtake Atlanta as the Braves collapsed. The Cardinals then beat the Phillies in the divisional series before eliminating the talented Brewers. Now they get to play the World Series and for the first time in these playoffs will have home field advantage.

"I think we believe. I think that's what you've got to do in this game. We got a group of guys with some talent, desire, and just a ton of heart," Freese said.

"Coming back from 10 and a half or whatever it was, obviously it's a tough battle. But we kept plugging; we kept pushing. The fans deserve that; the organization definitely deserves that, it's kind of surreal that we're here, but this team deserves what we've been rewarded. ...

"This means the world to me, not only to get to the World Series, but to be a part of this group of guys," Freese said. "I haven't been around a better group of guys."

Freese is batting .425 with four homers and 14 RBIs during the postseason. He led the charge as St. Louis battered the Brewers.

■ In Game 1, he hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning to erase a 2-1 deficit and give the Cardinals a 4-2 lead they couldn't hold.

■ In Game 2, he had two hits and homered in the ninth inning of a 12-3 victory. It was the team's 17th hit, setting a club record for most in a league championship series game.

■ In Game 3, he went 3 for 4 with two doubles and a single in a 4-3 victory.

■ Moved up to cleanup in Game 4 to give Pujols more protection, Freese responded with two more singles in Milwaukee's 4-2 win.

■ Back in the sixth spot in the batting order in Game 5, he singled, walked and scored two runs in the Cardinals' 7-1 victory.

And then there was the final game Sunday night.

Milwaukee started shaky Shaun Marcum, and Freese made sure the right-hander wasn't around for long. He pulled a three-run shot to left field in the first, giving the Cardinals a four-run lead they never relinquished.

In the third, he doubled with one out and scored on a single by pinch-hitter Allen Craig as the Cardinals extended their lead to 9-4 in the inning.

He singled and scored in the fifth when St. Louis made it 11-5.

Freese is in his third major league season after coming to the Cardinals in a December 2007 trade that sent Jim Edmonds to the San Diego Padres.

All three of those years with the Cardinals have been marred by injuries.

Freese began 2009 with the big league club but sprained his left ankle and played only 17 games in the majors. In 2010, he won the starting third base job, only to endure injuries to both ankles that required surgery.

This season, he was batting .356 before he missed 51 games after breaking his left hand on May 1 when he was hit by a pitch from Scott Linebrink in Atlanta. Freese finished with a .297 average, 10 homers and 55 RBIs in 97 games.

Not bad at all, but nothing like October.

Indy 500 winner Wheldon dies in massive wreck

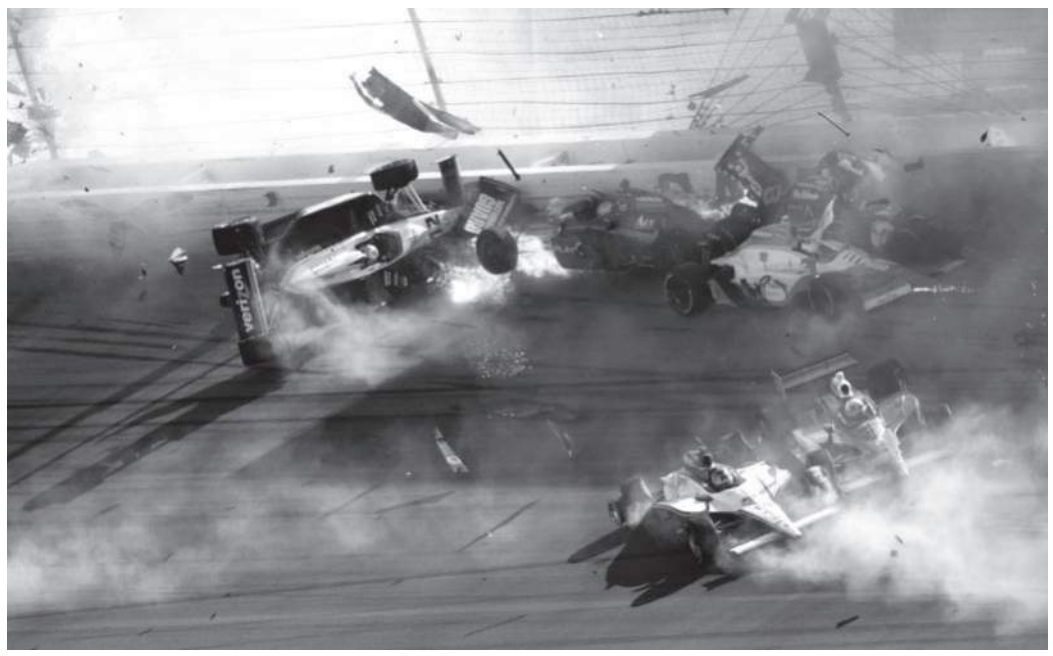
LAS VEGAS (AP)—Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon died Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway after his car became ensnarled in a fiery 15-car pileup on Lap 13, flew over another vehicle and landed in a catch fence just outside turn 2. The 33-year-old racer was a two-time Indianapolis 500 winner, including this year's race. Three other drivers, including championship contender Will Power, were hurt in the pileup.

Weldon was airlifted from the track to University Medical Center; about two hours later, his colleagues were told of his death.

"IndyCar is very sad to announce that Dan Wheldon has passed away from unsurvivable injuries," IndyCar CEO Randy Bernard said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family today. IndyCar, its drivers and owners, have decided to end the race."

In his honor, drivers took part in a five-lap salute around the oval.

IndyCar has not had a fatality since Paul Dana was killed at Homestead in 2006. He died after a crash in a morning warmup. Sunday's wreck left Townsend Bell upside down while smoldering cars and debris littered the track nearly halfway up the straightaway of the 1.5-mile oval.



AP

Drivers crash during a wreck that involved 15 cars during the IndyCar Series' auto race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011.

The track was red-flagged following the accidents while crews worked on fences and removed smashed cars.

Wheldon started in the back of the pack but quickly worked his way through the 34-car field before the wreck.

"It was like a movie scene which they try to make as gnarly as possible," said Danica Patrick, making her final IndyCar start. "It was debris everywhere across the whole track, you could smell the smoke, you could see the billowing smoke on the back straight from the car. There was a chunk of fire that we were driving around. You could see cars scattered.

Drivers had been concerned about the high speeds at the track, where they were hitting nearly 225 mph during practice.

Their concerns became reality when contact on Turn 2 sent cars flying through the air, crashing into each other and into the outside wall and catch fence.

"I'll tell you, I've never seen anything like it," Ryan Briscoe said. "The debris we all had to drive through the lap later, it looked like a war scene from Terminator or something. I mean, there were just pieces of metal and car on fire in the middle of the track with no car attached to it and just debris everywhere. So it was scary, and your first thoughts are hoping that no one is hurt because there's just stuff everywhere. Crazy."

It was Wheldon's 134th career start, but only the third of the season for the two-time Indianapolis 500 winner.

49ers beat previously unbeaten Lions

DETROIT (AP)—Alex Smith's fourth-down, 6-yard pass to Delanie Walker gave San Francisco the game-leading touchdown with 1:51 left as the 49ers went on to a 25-19 win over the previously unbeaten Detroit Lions.

Detroit had a chance to drive for a tying field goal or a go-ahead TD, but couldn't get a first down against a swarming defense that hit and confused quarterback Matthew Stafford from the start.

David Akers gave San Francisco (5-1) a six-point lead with 1:02 to go with a 37-yard field goal.

Packers 24, Rams 3

In Green Bay, Wisconsin, Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdowns, including a career-long 93-yarder to Jordy Nelson, and Green Bay now stands as the NFL's only undefeated team.

Rodgers threw for 310 yards for the Packers (6-0). The Lions were the only other unbeaten team entering the day, but lost to the 49ers.

James Jones and Donald Driver also caught touchdowns from Rodgers, although the Packers offense hit a lull and didn't score in the second half.

Giants 27, Bills 24

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Ahmad Bradshaw ran for 104 yards and a career-best three touchdowns, and Lawrence Tynes kicked a go-ahead 23-yard field goal with 1:32 remaining for New York.

Bradshaw scored on three 1-yard runs and had a 30-yard run to help set up Tynes' winner as the Giants (4-2) rebounded from a bad loss to Seattle last weekend by limiting the high-scoring Bills (4-2) to seven second-half points.

Patriots 20, Cowboys 16

In Foxborough, Massachusetts, Tom Brady threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Hernandez with 22 seconds left to rally New England past Dallas.

Dan Bailey's 26-yard field goal had broken a 13-13 tie with 5:13 left. Each team ran one series before the Patriots got the ball after a punt with 2:30 remaining. Brady then completed eight of nine passes for 78 yards on an 80-play drive capped by his pass to Hernandez in the middle of the end zone.

Raiders 24, Browns 17

In Oakland, California, Jacoby Ford returned a kickoff 101 yards and Kevin Boss caught a 35-yard touchdown pass on a fake field goal to lead Oakland in its first home game since the death of longtime owner Al Davis.

It was an emotional day with many old-time Raiders coming back to honor Davis, the man who had been the face of the franchise for nearly a half-century before dying Oct. 8 of an undisclosed illness at age 82.

Ravens 29, Texans 14

In Baltimore, Joe Flacco threw for 305 yards and ran for a score, and Billy Cundiff kicked five field goals for Baltimore (4-1).

The Ravens did just enough on defense to earn their third straight win. Baltimore held Houston scoreless over the final 21 minutes and limited standout running back Arian Foster to 49 yards on 15 attempts.

Flacco had two turnovers, but he also had completions of 51 yards and 56 yards to put Cundiff in position to score. Cundiff connected from 43, 48, 25, 33 and 40 yards to tie a Ravens record for field goals in a game.

Buccaneers 26, Saints 20

In Tampa, Florida, Josh Freeman threw for 303 yards and two touchdowns, and Earnest Graham rushed for 109 yards in place of injured starter LeGarrette Blount.

The win pulled the Bucs (4-2) into a first place tie with the Saints in the NFC South and snapped New Orleans' four-game winning streak.

Eagles 20, Redskins 13

In Landover, Maryland, Michael Vick threw for 237 yards and a touchdown, Kurt Coleman had three interceptions and Philadelphia snapped a four-game losing streak.

The Eagles raced to a 20-0 lead in the second quarter and held on to beat the Redskins for the 10th time in 12 tries at Washington.

LeSean McCoy rushed for 126 yards and a touchdown for Philadelphia.

Falcons 31, Panthers 17

In Atlanta, Michael Turner ran for 139 yards and two touchdowns, Matt Ryan scored the tie-breaking TD with 7 minutes remaining, and Corey Peters came up with a huge interception.

Cam Newton, who grew up just a few miles south of the Georgia Dome, wowed the crowd most of the day. He threw for 237 yards and ran for a 14-yard touchdown that put the Panthers (1-5) ahead 17-14 heading to the final quarter.

Bengals 27, Colts 17

In Cincinnati, Nate Clements blocked a late field goal try that would have tied the game, and Carlos Dunlap returned a Colts fumble 35 yards for the clinching score to Indianapolis winless after six games.

The Bengals (4-2) matched their victory total from last season and ended a seven-game losing streak against the Colts, who had never lost to Cincinnati with Peyton Manning at quarterback. Manning was on the sideline again Sunday, watching helplessly as the Colts fell to 0-6 for the fifth time in franchise history.

Steelers 17, Jaguars 13

In Pittsburgh, Rashard Mendenhall ran for a season-high 146 yards and a touchdown and the Steelers narrowly avoided a second-half collapse.

Ben Roethlisberger passed for 200 yards and a score for the Steelers (4-2), who won for the fourth time in five games.

Maurice Jones-Drew rushed for 96 yards for the Jaguars (1-5), who have dropped five straight to match the franchise's longest losing streak in a decade.

Bears 39, Vikings 10

In Chicago, Devin Hester set the tone with a 48-yard touchdown catch and scored on a career-best 98-yard kickoff return before leaving with a chest injury as Chicago routed Minnesota.

Jay Cutler threw for 267 yards and two touchdowns without an interception. Julius Peppers had two sacks, and the Bears (3-3) held Vikings star Adrian Peterson to 39 yards rushing.

That 48-yard TD pass from Cutler on Chicago's first possession got the Bears started quickly as they grabbed a 26-3 halftime lead. Hester's kickoff return early in the third quarter erased any chance the Vikings had at a comeback.

Crane rallies to win McGladrey Classic

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (AP)—Ben Crane knew he was going home Monday to be with his wife for the birth of their third child. He had no reason to believe he would be bringing the McGladrey Classic trophy with him.

Seven shots behind with 11 holes to play, Crane ran off seven birdies to close with a 7-under 63, and then he won the sudden-death playoff when Webb Simpson missed a short par putt on the second extra hole Sunday.

Crane nearly holed his approach on the 14th to start a string of four straight birdies. He had a long two-putt on the par-5 15th, followed by a pair of birdie putts from about 20 feet.

Simpson closed with a 66, despite not making a birdie over his last seven holes.

They finished at 15-under 265 and extended the PGA Tour's record with the 18th playoff this year. It looked as if it might last more than two holes when Crane made a 5-foot comeback putt for par, and Simpson had a par putt just over 3 feet. But it caught the right lip and spun away, giving Crane his first win of the year.

Simpson was trying to become the only three-time winner on tour this season, which might have made him a favorite in the wide-open race for PGA Tour player of the year. The consolation could be the money, which is the reason Simpson came to Sea Island in the first place.

With his runner-up finish, Simpson moved to the top of the money list by $363,029 over Luke Donald, the No. 1 player in the world ranking. Both players have entered the season-ending tournament next week in Disney, though Donald's task became a lot more difficult.

At the very least, Donald would have to finish no worse than a two-way for second to have any chance to move past Simpson and resume his bid to become the first player to win money titles on the PGA Tour and European Tour. Donald already has a comfortable lead in Europe.

"Finishing second is going to make it a lot harder for Luke," Simpson said. "But I'm sure he's going to play well. He's played well most every week this year. I still wouldn't be surprised if I have a little work to do next week."

Crane was playing his final PGA Tour event of the year. His wife, Heather, is home in the Dallas area and they arranged for the birth to be on Monday. He had an evening flight out of Jacksonville, Fla., but those plans changed quickly.

Michael Thompson, the 54-hole lead, ran off three straight birdies on the front nine to build a three-shot lead. Crane, who teed off nearly an hour earlier, was making only pars and trailed by as many as seven shots.

Then came two bursts of four straight birdies, the first one starting on the eighth hole. When his 20-foot birdie dropped on the 17th, Crane excitedly pumped his fist, knowing that he suddenly had a chance at a most unlikely win.

Simpson missed a 5-foot birdie putt on the 13th and failed to take advantage on the par-5 15th.

Thompson also missed a 5-foot birdie putt on the 15th that would have given him the outright lead, and then his nerves started to show with errant tee shots. He got away with one on the 16th, but not on the final hole, when his tee shot went into the hazard and cost him a penalty drop.

"All I think about on those tee shots is just hit in the middle of club face," Thompson said. "And for one reason, that one tee shot I didn't. And It got me." The small consolation for the 25-year-old rookie, who closed with a 69, was a third-place finish that assures him keeping his card for next year.

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its 46 points, while Saipan International School moved up to fourth with 65 points. San Vicente Elementary School came in at sixth with 32 points, followed by Kagman Elementary School (25), Dandan (18), and Mt. Carmel School (15).

Points were awarded to schools based on how their swimmers finished the races. Nine points were given to the top finisher in the individual race, seven to second, six to third, five to fourth, four to fifth, three to six, two to seventh, and one to eighth. In relays, 18 points were awarded to the winners, 14 to the runners-up, and 12 to the third placers.

"I am pleased not only with our victory, but also with the number of participants from our school. I commend coach Jeff Race for doing a great job in organizing the team and encouraging our students to join the tournament. The object of this competition is not really to win, but to get the students involved in activities outside our school," Whispering Palms principal Tom Weindl said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The seven-time champion had 32 swimmers—the most by any school—joining the weekend event with more than 20 students participating in the elementary division races. Last year, Race fielded 26 swimmers and 22 of them competed in elementary division.

Whispering Palms earned 68 points in the relay races alone with the quartet of Gillian Villagomez, Hana Lynn Nelson, Melanie Chloe, and Arman Khorram giving the Terns 18 points in the 10 to 12 mixed 200m freestyle relay. Also handing Whispering Palms 18 points were the teams of Sally Lai, Naoki Kasai, Shea Hartig, and Jin Ju Thompson (U9 200m medley relay) and Cole Chambers, Amon McGuire, Steven Goodwin, and Logan Mister (10 to 12 medley relay).

Other members of Whispering Palms' elementary division team were Kaden Church, You Sun Lee, Sam Ryu, Mylan Goodwin, Ellie Epley, Sun Bin Cho, Bella Loan, Dominic Zedde, Jon Villagomez, Eugene Park, Justin and Chloe Kosack, Blake Mister, Zion Okano, Rachel Kwon, and Amber Montegengro. Majority of the members of the squad finished in the Top 5.

Results of the junior high school and high school divisions will be published in *Saipan Tribune*'s Wednesday and Thursday's editions, respectively.

Kim wins CWGA September Ace

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Lou Kim won the CNMI Women's' Golf Association September Ace of the Month after shooting a net score of 76 last Oct. 8 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Kim posted a 46 on the front and a 47 on the back to finish with a gross score of 93, which minus her 17 handicap gave her the second-lowest net score of the day.

The lady golfer who registered the lowest post-handicap score of the day actually was Masayo Miyamoto who was good for a net 74, but since she already won the monthly honor last July, runner-up Kim took the October tiara.

Miyamoto scratched a 41 on the font nine and remained consistent with an even 40 after the turn.

Yuko Togawa settled for third place with her net card of 78 built around a 44 on the front and an impressive 38 on the back for a gross of 82.

Togawa actually finished in a three-way tie for third place with Sun Suk Kim and Lorraine Babauta, but received the nod thanks to her miniscule 4 handicap.

With her win in the October competition, Kim joins last month's ace Mio Kim along with past aces Young In Jeon (May), Sun Suk Kim (June), Miyamoto, and Noriko Togawa (August).

The CWGA utilizes a standard net score format, where a predetermined point system is tallied during the season.

First place is awarded 15 points, 14 for second, and so on down through the Top 10 place finishers, and the rest receive a point for participation.

Established in March 2007, CWGA is a nonprofit organization founded to promote, encourage, and introduce women to the sport of golf in the CNMI. The group plays once a month leading up to its finale two-day event in April.

Next month's event is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 12. However, the venue is yet to be determined.

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MARK RABAGO

Wushin Corp. was adjudged Best in Uniform in last Saturday's opening ceremony for the 2011 Shriley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League. Right, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Kathy Arnold was named Best Muse.

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ner-up Kensaku Higashi, third place finisher Go Seino, and fourth place's Seong Gil Kang, also all of Japan.

Higashi, Seino and Kang each won, $25,000, $12,000, and $4,000, respectively, while the remaining finalists were all awarded $1,000, which helped cover their entrance fees.

Notably fourth place finisher, Jin Hee Park, led the finals for the majority of the match, but was out-duked in the pivotal last two hands.

With a stack of 10,700 in chips, Park led Seino by 1,000 checks heading into the second-to-last hand.

Everyone except for Ando and Higashi bet on the player during the hand, however the banker won with a natural 9-to-1 draw by the player.

As a result, Ando moved into first place with 12,900 in chips thanks to a healthy 3,500 secret bid on the bank; Kensaku (10,100) also appreciated his stack by 2,300 and moved into the third chair.

With the lead, Park played conservatively through the home stretch. She came away from the fall in good shape, trailing Kimio only by 2,400 in chips with just one hand to go, however, assuming she was a lock for a cash sum finish, Park kept to her game plan in the finale as the others swung for the fences.

At this time, Kang was positioned in seventh place out of the eight remaining players.

Everyone placed secret bets, where in the end, the banker won the last hand, 4 to 1. Watari Junichi Nakano and Masao Momoi were the only ones who bet on the player and both shoved away their piles for a last-ditch effort for glory.

Ando bet 10,600 on the bank and reaped his reward for the aggressive high-risk play; Higashi followed suit with an even 10,000 wager and graciously accepted second prize.

Meanwhile, Seino similarly doubled-up in clutch for a strong third place finish and Seong Gil came out of nowhere and stole the fourth spot from Park when the dust cleared.

The event used an eight-deck shoe per 12-player table format and buy-in values were set at a minimum of 100 chips with no maximum, however each round was set at 40 hands.

Saturday's elimination rounds consisted of two heats made of 11 tables.

After Day 1 of the event the field dwindled down to 55 players, thus Sunday's semifinals featured five tables that sat 11 competitors apiece.

From there, finalists were issued a starting bank of 10,000 in chips for the main event; all other rounds started players with a bank of 5,000.

Later this year, TDHC's 2nd Black Jack Challenge is scheduled from Dec. 10 to 11.

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the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Six players scored for PIC in overtime to eke out a five-point win over Shirley's, which drew contributions from only three players in the extra five minutes. The season opener ended in a deadlock at regulation, 78-all.

In overtime, Zach Diaz made four points for PIC, while James Abuy and Peter Lizama added three each. Glenn Aquino, Ponce Rasa, and Ziddy Johanes scored two points each. J.R. Barrios and Kae Bernardo had five points apiece for Shirley's in overtime, while Wowie Abuel chipped in two.

Shirley's lost its first game despite leading by 13 after three quarters, 68-55. The host was held to five field goals in the fourth period, allowing PIC to recover and force overtime. PIC hit three triples in the fourth frame and Aquino, Rasa, and Abuy teamed up in bringing the defending champions back in the match.

Rasa led all scorers with his 26 points, while Abuy contributed 19. Bernardo top-scored for Shirley's with 24, while Rommel Usi and Errol Peredo nailed 22 and 18, respectively, but were both scoreless in the fourth.

Mobil 83, Hyatt 77

In the second game, Mobil drew solid games from Jun Estolas and Marvin Rabauliman for a six-point win over Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Estolas and Rabaulian tallied 25 points each, canning timely baskets in the fourth quarter to foil Hyatt's repeated comeback bids. Estolas recorded 16 of his total points in the fourth period, while Rabauliman notched eight.

Dan Mateo anchored Hyatt's offense with his 16 markers. He hit two triples in the third, while Raymart Castro added eight, moving Hyatt within five entering the fourth canto, 53-58, after facing a 31-45 halftime deficit.

DFS 76, Fiesta 67

In the last game of the day, former CNMI National Team players Jack Lizama and Pete Iguel canned crucial baskets in the last two minutes to lift DFS Galleria to a nine-point victory.

Lizama fired a triple, turning a slim 68-67 lead to a 71-67 cushion, with 1:56 left on the clock. Iguel then followed it up with a fastbreak layup, while Lizama later made a short jumper to seal the victory.

Fiesta was scoreless in the last 2:15 of the match, missing its last five attempts from downtown. Fiesta dropped its opening game despite leading by double digits in the second quarter.

Iguel paced DFS with 21 points, while Barcinas and Lizama added 19 and 13, respectively.

Meanwhile, 10 teams joined the opening ceremony of this year's Shirley's caging with Wushin Corp. winning the Best in Uniform award and Fiesta's Kathy Arnold getting the Best Muse plum.

First Game

PIC/NVM 94 – Rasa 27, Abuy 19, Barbo 14, Diaz 10, Aquino 8, Lizama 5, Yabut 4, Tamayo 3, Fernando 2.

Shirley's 89 – Bernardo 24, Usi 22, Peredo 18, Catungal 8, Sedillo 6, Barrios 5, Abuel 4.

Scoring by quarters: 18-11, 34-40, 55-68, 78-78, 94-89.

Second Game

Mobil 83 – Estolas 25, Rabauliman 25, Demapan 12, Ruluked 9, Gapor 5, Wenceslao 3, Jose 2.

Hyatt 77 – Mateo 16, Durant 14, Aquino 11, Castro 10, Palacios 9, Devero 8, Umali 6, Tumaquip 4, Alipio 3.

Scoring by quarters: 25-15, 45-31, 58-53, 83-77.

Third Game

DFS Galleria 76 –Iguel 21, Barcinas 19, Lizama 13, Guiab 6, Rivera 6, Sablan 5, Marino 4.

Fiesta Resort 67 – Mendoza 21, Talania 20, Moises 12, Esdrelon 6, Macoto 4, Jinang 3, Joyner 1.

Scoring by quarters: 10-12, 26-33, 49-47, 76-67.

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Ritual fired three triples in the second quarter to keep Cell Pro afloat at the break. He continued to connect on his outside shots in the third period and scored Cell Pro's last six points in that canto to grab the upper hand, 62-61, entering the final frame.

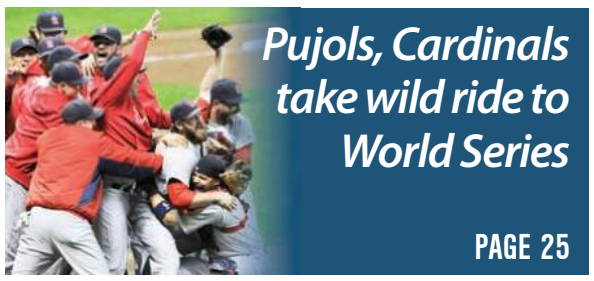
Galarse, who had a shootout with Ritual in the third frame, then led MBI's 15-5 start, but Cell Pro refused to give up and pulled off the come-from-behind win with Itaas stepping up in the closing minutes.

Itaas was later named Finals MVP, while Cell Pro was awarded the championship trophy.

Cell Pro 91 – Ritual 36, Itaas 22, Hernandez 11, Herrera 8, J. Loste 6, Rotap 4, Tibayan 2.

MBI 88 – Galarse 37, David 21, Trajano 10, Garcia 9, Viola 4, Dela Rama 3, Achas 1, Cordero 1.

Scoring by quarters: 19-18, 43-38, 62-61, 82-82, 91-88.



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Cell Pro wins Blue Haus championship

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Cell Pro took the inaugural championship in the Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League after surviving Micronesian Brokers, Inc. in overtime, 91-88, in the winner-take-all finals last Sunday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Leo Itaas canned the clutch baskets in the fourth period and overtime to help Cell Pro stun MBI, which came into the one-game finals undefeated. MBI lost the championship after collapsing in the last 4:25 of the match.

MBI was still ahead, 76-67, after Noel David's fastbreak layup with less than five minutes left on the clock when Itaas teamed up with Rocyl Ritual in bringing Cell Pro back in the game.

Itaas ignited Cell Pro's 15-6 windup, which he started with a three-point play. Jude Loste followed it up with back-to-back baskets, while Ritual later nailed a triple. Cell Pro then scored its last four points in regulation from the stripe with Ritual and Roger Herrera nailing one charity each and Itaas making two crucial free throws

MBI was still on top, 82-80, with 12 seconds left on the clock when Itaas drove to the basket and was fouled. He drilled the pressure-packed charities and MBI failed to score on its last offensive set, sending the game into overtime.

In the extension period, MBI played without Leo Galarse, Noel David, and Andy Diola, who all fouled out in the last two minutes of the match.

Cell Pro capitalized on the absence of MBI's key players and with the latter missing its ball carriers, the former forced a couple of turnovers in overtime and turned them into baskets.

Itaas nailed one field goal and two free throws in the closing seconds before leaving the game due to five fouls, while Roy Hernandez also contributed three points before fouling out. Herrera made Cell Pro's other field goal in the extension period.

MBI was held to only two field goals in the extra period, as David was no longer there to orchestrate their offense and Galarse helplessly watched from the bench how his teammates struggled to find their mark. Galarse left the playing court with 37 big points, while David finished with 21.

Ritual also had an explosive game in the finale with 36 markers, while Itaas provided enough support with his 22 points, making seven of them in the all-important fourth quarter.

MBI and Cell Pro slugged it out in the first half with the former leading by a hair in the opening quarter, 19-18, and then upping its advantage to five at halftime, 43-38.

Galarse sizzled for 19 points in the first half to put MBI in the driver's seat, while David chipped in 11.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Cell Pro's Leo Itaas drives to the basket during the fourth quarter of their championship game against MBI in the Blue Haus caging last Sunday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

DFS Galleria's Jack Lizama pulls up for a jumper against Fiesta Resort's Jawn Joyner during the third game in the opening day of the Shirley's caging last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

3 teams win debuts in Shirley's caging

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The first game of the season in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League went into overtime with defending champion Pacific Islands Club/NVM outclassing the host, 94-89, last Sunday at

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Seven in a row for Whispering Palms

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First of a three-part series

Whispering Palms clinched an unprecedented seventh consecutive division title after topping the elementary division of the 18th SSC All Schools Swimming Championships held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Whispering Palms collected 251 points to defend the elementary division championship anew against the strong Garapan Elementary School (140 points) and the much-improved Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School (83). Garapan was also the runner-up last season, while GTC was not included in the Top 3 in 2010.

Last year's third placer, Saipan Community School, dropped to fifth this time with

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Whispering Palms' Logan Mister nears completion of the boys 10 to 12 100m freestyle race in last Saturday's 18th SSC All Schools Swimming Championships held at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

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Kimio Ando, left, of Japan graciously accepts the top prize and $80,000, which he won during Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino's 5th Baccarat Challenge over the weekend. Joining Ando in the photo is casino general manager Tim Blyth, center, and casino pit manager Nimfa S. Alarde.

Japanese wins 5th Baccarat Challenge

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TINIAN—Kimio Ando of Japan won over a field of 127 players to win the top prize and $80,000 after the conclusion of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino's 5th Baccarat Challenge held over the weekend.

Other winners included run-

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